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Southern Prophecy-Prayer Conference

THE FIRST meeting of the Prophecy-Prayer Fellowship was held in Chicago last year . . . the second in Denver. The third will convene, October 5 to 12 in Nashville, Tennessee. This Fellowship, directed by men and women of special attainments offers the kind of leadership needed in the present crisis.

Through great Christian Rallies sponsored in various parts of the Country . . . by the distribution of large quantities of constructive, Gospel literature . . . in stabilizing and vitalizing the ministries of hundreds of preachers whose messages were being weakened by Modernistic doubt and Atheistic attack . . . through coast-to-coast radio broadcasts, as well as the use of many local radio stations . . . by creating a new passion for souls and contributing to the stimulation of evangelism in all parts of the Country . . . and through avenues of missionary endeavor, **THIS NEW CRUSADE IS WIELDING A NATIONWIDE INFLUENCE.** The fact that Walter Winchell, together with all Communist publications of the United States have attacked the effort during recent months, is sufficient to commend it to Christian and patriotically-minded folk everywhere.

The present hour finds everything in a state of flux. The moral, religious, economic and political life of our Country, is in process of change. Old standards are being swept away. New, revolutionary ideas are taking root on every hand.

But Christians rejoice that they have

A CHANGELESS CHRIST IN A CHANGING WORLD. They know the Gospel message has lost none of its potency. From the beginning the slogan of the Prophecy-Prayer Crusade has been "Christ for the Crisis." The very nature of the changes now occurring, makes it necessary for believers to remain *firm, immovable, unshakable*, no matter the attacks to which their Faith may be subjected.

There will be three meetings daily at Nashville, with outstanding Pastors, Evangelists, Bible Teachers and Missionaries alternating on the program. The best Gospel musical talent will also be present. The opening service will be held at 2:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, October 5th., followed in the evening with a coast-to-coast radio broadcast. All services are scheduled for the Dixie Gospel Tabernacle, a building with more than 3,000 seating capacity, of which Dr. Sam Swain is Pastor.

Large delegations are assured from points all through the South . . . together with representative individuals and groups, from other parts of the Country. Subjects of a deeply spiritual, evangelistic and prophetic nature will be discussed. Profound doctrinal themes will be unfolded. A militant note will be sounded. A large section of the Nation's spiritual resources will be mobilized and given direction. The whole Country will feel the impact of the assemblage. "Christ for the Crisis" will be the rallying call.

Letters of inquiry . . . regarding pro-

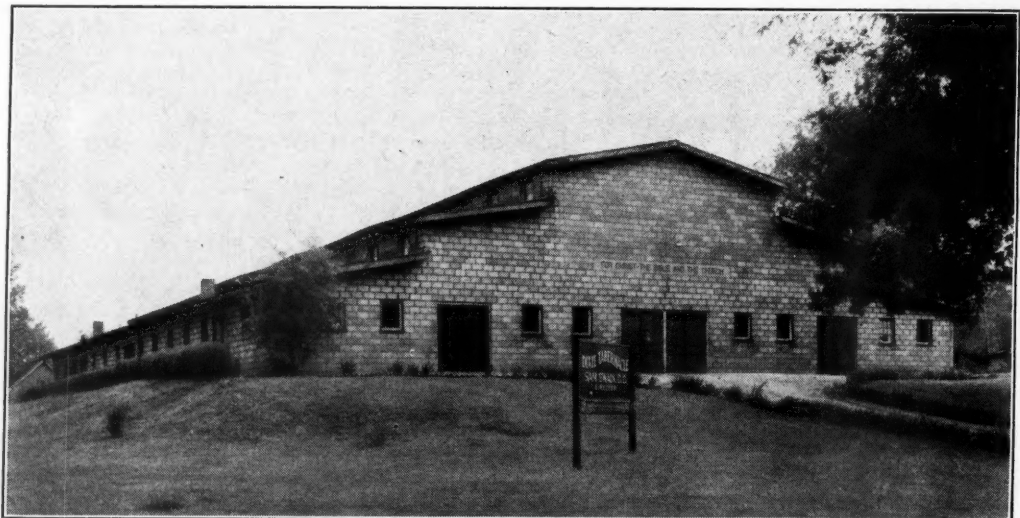
gram, names of speakers, radio broadcasts, living accommodations for out-of-town guests, and other details, may be addressed to . . . Dr. W. D. Herrstrom, General Director, Dixie Gospel Tabernacle, 410 Fatherland Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

LINDBERGH AT DES MOINES

CHARLES LINDBERGH rose to speak at Des Moines, a few minutes after Roosevelt had completed his famous "rattlesnake, shoot-on-sight" speech of September 12th. In well chosen words, the flier dropped this verbal bomb into the public mind: "The **THREE** important groups who have been pressing this Country toward war are the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt Administration."

He might have added that the Churchill government and the New Deal hierarchy, are both dominated by the international Jewish banking fraternity.

An example of the way many newspapers handled the Des Moines exposure, is reflected by the following quotation from the *Wichita Daily Eagle*: "Lindbergh described the British and Roosevelt administrations as **TWO** of the most important groups which have been pressing this country toward war." Secret **CONTROL** of American news-gathering agencies is reflected in the *Eagle* report, which omitted all reference to Jewry.



A photograph of the commodious Dixie Gospel Tabernacle . . . Nashville, Tennessee . . . scene of the forthcoming Prophecy-Prayer Rally, October 5-12, 1941. This building, of more than three thousand five hundred seating capacity, is expected to be filled nightly during the conference, with large representative audiences also present at morning and afternoon sessions.

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The Inspiration of The Scriptures

By Rev. George H. Gilmer, Draper, Va.

"ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God." II Timothy 3:16.

The late Dr. John Roach Straton once said: "The Bible is a glorious temple of truth, with its broad foundations in Genesis, its majestic columns rising in the record of patriarch, prophet and priest, its roof-tree in the Gospels of Jesus Christ, and its majestic dome in the Revelation of a New Heaven and New Earth wherein will dwell righteousness."

The Bible claims to be inspired in an unique sense. It professes to be an authoritative message from God. It says: "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

More than a thousand times, the writers of the sacred manuscripts said distinctly that they were writing God's words — namely what they were supernaturally inspired to write. I do not believe that such men as Moses, Isaiah, Paul and John were self-deceived. When they said they were recording the words of God, *they were recording the words of God!* Being dependable, trustworthy men, they told the truth.

Whence but from heaven could men unskilled in arts,

In several ages, born in several parts,
Weave such agreeing truths? Oh how or why
Should all conspire to cheat us with a lie?

Unasked their pains, ungrateful their advice,
Starving their gains, and martyrdom their price.

Christ came to the earth and showed by His life, teaching and miracles that He was what He claimed to be, the Eternal Son of God. And, during the days of His flesh, He accepted the Old Testament Scriptures as supernaturally inspired. Speaking with finality, He said: "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

If you make the mistake of rejecting the deity of Christ, accepting the lower view, that He was only the wisest and best of men, still His word is worth more than that of any other man. If I close my mind to the testimony of men, as to the inspiration of the Bible, I will accept what He says as true.

The Word Stands

Now no one can deny that the Bible is here. It is an objective reality and not a subjective idea. Here it is! You may hold a copy in your hand. The Book has not only existed for thousands of years, but has survived all efforts to destroy it. Not only has it been subjected to the vicissitudes of fortune and the catastrophes of history that have destroyed other valuable books, which were former treasures of the human race, but calculated and definite steps have been taken from time to time, to wipe it utterly from the earth.

Toustal bought and burned the whole of Tyndale's first edition, but failed to destroy the Book or prevent its circulation. Tyndale took the money and with it printed a far larger edition, and the Bibles were shipped into Old England wrapped in bales of cloth, barrels and kegs, and even coffins used as packing cases. It is said that in one century 150,000 people were butchered for reading the Bible. The jailer's key, the headman's ax, the rope of the gallows, the fagot of the bigot, the powder of the poisoner, the dagger of the assassin have all combined in the effort to annihilate it.

This Book has successfully resisted the sophistries of Hume, the misguided eloquence of Gibbon, the rationalism of Rousseau, the ignorant blasphemies of Thomas Paine, the satirical mockery of Voltaire, the idle quibbling of Strauss, the shallow witticisms of Renan, the cheap buffoonery of Bob Ingersoll, the audacious assaults of the revolutionists of France, and the insidious

duplicity of the rationalistic theologians of Germany. As with Moses's bush, the Bible has burned, but it has not been consumed. Phoenix-like, it has risen from its ashes to new heights of usefulness and power.

It is inconceivable that a loving Heavenly Father would leave His offspring without a message. Such a thing is as difficult for me to believe, as for kind and loving parents to bring children into this world and not communicate with them. Offspring might refuse to listen and reject admonition, but it would nevertheless be natural for parents to try to teach them.

God has not cast off free moral agents, created in His own image, even if that image was later distorted by sin. He has given them an authoritative revelation that explains the mysteries of life and death, the here and the hereafter.

Internal Evidence

The Bible is in reality a library, made up of sixty-six books, written by about forty different authors, during a period of fifteen hundred years. Some of these writers were widely separated by time and distance, and came from different walks of life, being prophets, priests, shepherds, farmers, fishermen, statesmen and kings. They all claimed that the product of their pens was from God.

An examination of these sixty-six books reveals that they are *one book*. They comprise a perfect unit in design and arrangement. Each breathes the same wonderful message of salvation from sin. There are no contradictions or conflicts. They blend into one another like different parts of a mechanism, produced by a master mechanic.

If I should see an architect putting up a building, the different parts of which had been produced by forty different workmen — and if I saw these

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parts fitting together perfectly, I could not escape the conclusion that they were made under the direction of one mind. And if I should ask the forty workmen if they were following the directions of one master mechanic and they should all answer in the affirmative, I would be a fool to doubt their testimony. The work would show for itself. So with the Bible. Its internal unity should satisfy any reasonable mind, that it is an unique revelation from God to man.

A great debate was staked in New York some years ago between Dr. John Roach Straton, and a noted unbeliever, with the Bible as the chief subject of discussion. Dr. Straton defended a *holy Bible*. The scholarly agnostic sought to make the Bible look like a *Book of holes*.

One of Dr. Straton's arguments, presented in rebuttal, deserves to be repeated here, as an example of the utter futility of trying to find contradictions in the Word of God:

"If time permitted, it would be very easy to answer every alleged contradiction and every supposed error which my opponent has undertaken to point out. I will have to hope that all who are really interested, will take the time after this meeting, to look up these matters in any good Bible dictionary or commentary, or to consult some competent Bible student. In the meantime, I will have to content myself with calling attention to only a few of these alleged errors.

"Take, for example, what he said about the supposed contradiction concerning the inscription on Christ's cross. There is no contradiction at all. The Scripture states that the inscription was written in three languages: Latin, Greek and Hebrew. It would be, therefore, far more accurate to speak of the 'inscriptions' rather than the 'inscription.'

"Here they are:

"Matthew says: 'This is Jesus . . . King of the Jews.'

"Mark says: '... The King of the Jews.'

"Luke says: 'This is . . . the King of the Jews.'

"John says: 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.'

"Total, 'This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.'

"Evidently, then, the Holy Spirit, in inspiring the Gospel writers, was pleased to lead one evangelist to quote from

the Latin, a second from the Greek, a third from the Hebrew, while a fourth was led by the same Spirit to give the substance of the whole; and this is exactly in line with what we find throughout the Gospels in other connections. A full view of Christ and His teachings can only be obtained by taking the four Gospel accounts together, as Matthew views Christ from the standpoint of a King, Mark from the standpoint of a Servant, Luke from the standpoint of the Son of Man, and John from the standpoint of the Son of God.

"So far, from these alleged inconsistencies proving the untrustworthiness of the Bible, they prove the exact opposite. It is a well-known fact, in all human testimony, that different witnesses see different views of the same thing. In giving an account of an incident, often statements seem to differ in surface detail, and yet they are in absolute accord as to the essential fact. If they agreed in minute detail, it would arouse suspicions of collusion, and, therefore, possibly of designed deception."

Consider another phase of the subject namely the Ten Commandments. Did Moses write them? He says *not*. He explains that they were received from a supernatural Source. These commandments are the wonder of the world, "The law of the Lord is perfect," the basis of practically all systems of jurisprudence. If Moses had been like some people, he would have laid claim to having produced them, but he says they came by revelation.

Take the character of Jesus Christ. Could any man, or group of men, have manufactured the story of His life fictitiously — considering especially the times in which these men lived? Christ was utterly different from the other men of His day. It is ridiculous to suppose that His majestic personality was humanly invented.

Yet some preachers are guilty of such efforts today, trying to portray a new Christ, a Modernist Christ, unlike the Son of God. They preach a man whose likeness is not found in either history or Scripture. They say His disciples, who wrote sometime later, were over zealous about making Him appear to be a perfect character, so the Liberals try to substitute another Christ in His place. Let us remind ourselves again that our Lord accepted Old Testament Scripture as true.

The perpetual freshness of the Bible offers additional internal evidence. Dr. Archibald Alexander once said he could master the contents of any book, in any language, in one year, even if he

had to first learn the language, but that he had been studying the Bible forty years, and found something new every time he opened its sacred pages. Skeptics are ignorant of the Bible; if they knew its contents, they would renounce their skepticism.

Many preachers rarely read the Bible. They read books *about* the Bible. A young preacher said to me recently: "They teach everything but the Bible there," referring to the theological seminary he was attending. The fact that many of our denominational schools neglect the Word, is causing Bible Institutes to spring up all over the Country . . . and let us thank God for them! I know many laymen who are better Bible students than some preachers.

The subject of prophecy takes us into another field of internal evidence. No mere man can foretell the future with any degree of accuracy. He can guess, and sometimes speculations come true, but more often his guesses turn out wrong. But there are hundreds of prophecies in the Bible, that have been fulfilled in detail. Bible students think of prophecy as a mould into which history has been, and is being, poured.

The prophecies that concern Christ are of course, the most striking of all. Hundreds of years in advance, it was written that He would be born of a virgin . . . in Bethlehem, of the tribe of Judah, the family of David . . . that He would be crucified, rise from the dead and go back into Heaven.

Another argument for supernatural inspiration is found in the fruits the Book produces. Some men dare tell us that the advantages enjoyed in our civilization, came about by natural processes . . . that the Bible had nothing to do with it, except sometimes to retard growth by filling minds with superstition.

I would like to ask why the inhabitants of the Fiji Islands failed to evolve a high order of civilization. They have had the same length of time; they started the same way that life on the North American continent began — except for the fact that they had no Bible. They became more and more degraded, while we advanced, until Dr. John G. Paton, whom I had the honor of knowing personally, gave them the Word of God. Thereupon savagery receded and civilization developed. "The entrance of thy words giveth light." *Psalms 119:130*.

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A Recent Radio Address Delivered at Butte, Montana
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SITTING before the microphone tonight, I wonder if you who are listening to me realize that we are on the verge of war, and that full war powers to the President with permission to send our army out of the Western hemisphere means war and nothing else. Do you realize that the Executive and Members of Congress, whom you elected "to

preserve, to protect, and defend" your rights, including Executive appointees to whom you are paying salaries as high as \$15,000 a year, are leading us step by step from peace to war?

It is not a pleasant task for me to speak as I shall tonight, but looking into the future, as I did in February

and March 1939, when I predicted war in Europe, I cannot do otherwise than reveal facts as I see them.

Do you realize allied with England our army will fight and die for the same International Bankers, who financed Lenin and Trotsky in the Communistic revolution in Russia? Do you realize this is a war for the Bank of England and for control of gold and International Credit. A war for "Union Now" with England and British-Israel domination of the world. Yes, a war to destroy our Government, as

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planned by Cecil Rhodes, Andrew Carnegie, King Edward VII, and a secret society, whose plot was exposed and published in "The Leader," published in San Francisco, February 14, 1912.

This society was organized more than thirty years ago under the leadership of King Edward VII and in connivance with a group of pro-English American traitors, who like those of today, are more interested in England than they are in the safety and security of the United States. Recovery of the United States by England was the object of the plot, and it may interest you to know it is nearly consummated. To make this clear so that you may understand the import of it, I shall quote three of the twenty-four paragraphs as written by the conspirators themselves:

Paragraph 1. Power of the President of the United States to be increased so as to gradually diminish the powers of Congress.

Paragraph 2. Supreme Court of the United States to be revised so as to embrace only judges agreeable to the absorption by Great Britain.

Paragraph 4. Strong campaign must be waged in the several States — against Congressmen and Senators showing hostility to Great Britain.

The object of this dastardly plot was to destroy our Government by abolishing State control of the Senate, State Rights, balance and dual representation in the Government of the United States. This destructive change took place in 1913 and is in reality the cause for the steady disintegration which has taken place in our Government today. This change prepared us for the World War and the surrender of Congress, by the transfer of its Constitutional powers to the Executive.

No one more than I, who on January 20, 1939, upon entering Congress, said: "For two years I shall tell the truth," which I did, realizes how hard it is to get real facts before the people. We are less informed today than we were before the advent of fast communication.

The public gets what its enemies have prepared in the CONTROLLED PRESS — a press which in using the word "truth" and claiming to be "free," deceives the people and stultifies itself. *No one should be misled by the press, for it speaks the language of our enemies, the language of those whose god is gold and savior is a bribe.*

I am not asking you to believe me or the statements I have made, but living you must wait and as time dispels many illusions, it will also reveal the truth of my charges.

I challenge anyone to disprove one sentence or paragraph in the exposures I have made in or out of Congress, and that goes with special invitation to the enemies of America and the warmongers, who call me "anti-Semitic."

I shall now, before the Youth of America is sent to slaughter in Africa,

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Asia, and Russia, tell you a few more facts, so that you may know with whom and for what cause, Roosevelt will sacrifice the lives of your sons, should Congress in dumb submission give him powers to engage in the present war.

To better understand the Executive I shall in brief discuss his radical inclinations. Roosevelt's sympathy was with the Communistic revolutionaries in Spain, and the radical reds in Mexico, who without a word of protest from Washington confiscated American property. His sympathies are with the military dictators of the so-called republics of Central and South America. Add to this his tolerance and friendliness toward radical organizations, radical leaders, and the Communists appointed to serve in the Federal Government — and you have a true picture of Roosevelt.

If this is not enough to prove his dangerous tendencies, may I call your attention to the fact that he is now giving aid to Russia and that one of his first acts as President, was to establish diplomatic relations with the godless government of Russia, in regard to which, an American ambassador said: I quote from the Foreign Relations of the United States:

"October 1, 1918 . . . Inclosure report from Lord Balfour to the American Ambassador Walter Hines Page. 'I consider that the immediate suppression of Bolshevism (Communism) is the greatest issue now before the World, not even excluding the war which is still raging, and unless as above stated, Bolshevism is nipped in the bud immediately, it is bound to spread in one form or another over Europe and the whole World AS IT IS ORGANIZED AND WORKED BY JEWS, who have no nationality and whose one object is to destroy for their own ends the exist-

ing order of things.'"

I now quote Ibid volume 2, page 239, a report of the Consul General Irkutsk (Harris) to the Secretary of State, Washington, July 5, 1918.

"Bolsheviks are only interested in seizure of power and ruining of Russia. Bolsheviks in every city I have resided in, are simply robbing, murdering, and burning. Practically every business is ruined. Seventy-five per cent of all shops closed. Private banks seized and funds confiscated. Courts of Justice abolished and public school education reduced to a minimum. Landed property both large and small seized and divided. Factories nationalized and workmen paid for doing nothing. Currency system reduced to printing unlimited quantities of worthless paper. Fifty per cent of the Soviet Government in each town consists of Jews of the worst type, many of whom are anarchist."

I now quote "Russia," from the American Embassy by the American Ambassador to Russia, David R. Francis: (*Congressional Record* April 23, 1940.)

"I have just (January, 1918) been called to the phone and heard that Smolny Institute, Bolshevik headquarters, has formally announced that a revolution similar to that in Russia has begun in Germany. The Bolshevik leaders here, most of whom are Jews (Internationalists) and 90% of whom are returned exiles, care little for Russia or any other country but are internationalists, and they are trying to start a world-wide social revolution. If such a revolution can get a foothold in Germany, where the people are obsequious to those above them, and domineering and tyrannical to those beneath them and where organization and system has obtained such a foothold as it has never had in history

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before, I begin to fear for the institutions not only of England but of the Republic of France, and the thought arises in my mind whether our own institutions are safe. . . . I think it would be a grievous mistake for any government and a stultifying crime for our government to enter into trade relations with the Bolshevik Government of Russia. . . . We owe it to ourselves if we would preserve our institutions, to eradicate this foul monster—Bolshevism — branch, trunk, and root. We owe it to society. We owe it to humanity. If we would save society from barbarism and humanity from slaughter."

These are the reports of our Ambassadors to Russia on the Bolsheviks and Communists. It was this group of radicals who were financed by Rubenstein, Furstenberg, Scheidemann, Warburgs, Parvus, and their associate German-Jewish Bankers. (U.S.F.R. Vol. I, "Russia," 1918).

IT IS THIS GROUP OF BANKERS WHO ARE NOW IN THE UNITED STATES AGITATING WAR — A WAR, TO HELP COMMUNIST STALIN AND HIS RED CUT-THROATS TO DESTROY OUR CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION.

It is this group of red degenerates, Mr. Roosevelt wants us to join in this war, a war which is not to protect small nations but which is instead to aid Communism by placing the proletariats in power. It is a war to help Stalin and his red killers, who have murdered over ten million defenseless Christian men, women, and children. A war to help a group of radicals who have burnt, destroyed, and replaced Christian Churches with temples of atheistic worship. Their creed is:

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He is one of those who step in boldly where angels fear to tread and will, no doubt, awaken one of these days with burnt fingers.

The facts are: Roosevelt's occupation

of Iceland is one of the final steps to war, an act whereby he kicked the American people in the back, while he slapped Congress in the face.

Roosevelt has had his International nose in the National Affairs of practically every Nation on earth, and we might expect that getting away with occupation of Iceland, he will soon occupy Scotland and North of Ireland without authority from Congress. We may also expect his apologists, his ten and fifteen thousand dollars per year federal employees, to sell us on the necessity of such occupation, by claiming that Europe is part of the Western Hemisphere.

I am sure no one can hold the intelligence of the American people in such low esteem as Mr. Roosevelt and his refugee advisers, who try to make us believe that occupation of Iceland and confiscation of Danish ships is a good neighborly and friendly act to

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Denmark, instead of a deliberate step into the British war buggy.

The fact is, this occupation is no different from confiscation of American ships or occupation of Hawaii, should it be attempted by Japan. You and I know if Japan copied Roosevelt's belligerent attitude it would mean war, and the only reason Denmark offers no protest against our unwarranted act, is the fact that she is a small defenseless Nation.

Roosevelt has kicked Congress about for seven years and what Congress should do now, if composed of red-

blooded men, is to impeach Roosevelt and kick his pro-British Israel Cabinet out of Office and public service forever.

In view of this, don't you think it is better for our army to remain in the United States to protect us against the Communists, who are now undermining our Country? If you believe, as I do, in America First and in the rights of the American people, to regulate and administer our Government, write your protest to members of Congress now, and state therein why you are opposed to our participation in foreign war. If not done immediately it will be too late, because "Unseen Powers" are directing Congress, whose members are blind to danger and terror stricken dummies, instead of statesmen.

modify prices and the purchasing power of the individual's wage. The money he is being paid has lost its value.

Prior to the Communist revolution in Russia, people in that country took baskets of rubles to market, and returned with only enough food for one day. International Jewish bankers, having marked Czarist Russia for destruction, deliberately created economic confusion and chaos. Similar conditions existed in Germany and Italy following the World War.

Inflation is an early stage of revolution. This fact, recognized by those who understand economic processes, is responsible, in no small measure, for the widespread feeling of anxiety now sweeping the United States.

No group is more appraised of the situation, than the New Dealers. Administration leaders are loudest in proclaiming dangers of inflation. They know, if disaster comes, that an enraged populace will place the blame squarely upon them. And yet, their insane economic policies and political duplicity, are directly responsible for the present unsettled state of affairs.

The billions of dollars being added to the public debt through the lend-lease program is increasing the national debt to astronomical proportions. Public resentment will soon demand removal of the Jew Deal from Washington. There will be a house-cleaning at the White House. When that time comes, the United States will do one of two things — (1) yield to the rantings of demagogues who will demand debt repudiation, property confiscation, abolishment of the Constitution and the right to rule by decree, or (2) turn back to the God of the founding fathers, start building once more upon the old-fashioned principles of individual and collective integrity, establish Christian leadership at the Nation's Capital and rebuild the national character.

This latter result, so much to be desired by true American patriots, can be brought about only by means of a sweeping revival of supernatural religion.

America's Uncertain Future

THE domestic and foreign policies of the Roosevelt Administration have carried the United States to the brink of destruction. The New Deal has been weighed in the balances and found wanting. It has created class hatreds at home and vicious antagonisms abroad.

Having violated the laws of economics from the beginning, the Semitic government at Washington must now involve the Nation in foreign war, or risk losing its grip upon the public mind. It is an old trick of rulers, to provoke wars abroad, in order to cover up blunders or hide deceitfulness, at home.

A government is no more immune to the laws of economics than a private individual. The man who spends more than he takes in, may expect to face a day of reckoning. Roosevelt has heaped the heaviest tax burden upon the American people, in the history of the world. When a Nation contracts more debts than the citizens can pay, it goes bankrupt — the same as a private individual! Money loses its purchasing power, the public debt is repudiated, credit is exhausted, currency is inflated and catastrophe falls upon the people. Every informed person knows that there are ominous trends toward inflation, in the United States, at the present hour.

Inflation is usually accompanied by turmoil, hunger, strikes, crime, looting — and finally revolution, bloodshed, civil war. During times of national upheaval, it becomes the driving force which incites the masses to inhuman guerrilla savagery. In Russia, economic

breakdown produced red Communism. In Germany, brown Nazism. And in Italy, black Fascism. What kind of a political monstrosity would complete economic breakdown produce in the United States?

What is inflation? Technically defined, it is the "disproportionate and relatively sharp and sudden increase in the quantity of money or credit, or both, relative to the amount of exchange business." Breaking this down to simple language, inflation is a sudden, ungovernable increase in living costs . . . or to put it another way, the sudden decrease in the purchasing power of money.

When purchasing power is diminished, paper money becomes scraps of paper which will not buy food, clothing or provide shelter. The housewife is obliged to pay ten dollars for what formerly cost ten cents. The wage-earner must pay a hundred dollars for an item that formerly cost one dollar. Or the business man has to pay a thousand dollars for an article that formerly cost ten dollars. Chaos is the result.

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"FOR IN CHRIST JESUS neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." Galatians 6:15.

An analysis of this Scripture yields the fact that among human beings there are two natures — the old and the new. The old signifies the life received by physical birth . . . and the new signifies the life received by spiritual birth. The first is natural, the second spiritual.

The phrase "In Christ Jesus" refers to the new order of beings established on this earth through the incarnation of the Eternal Son and the impartation of His life to the individual, by the process of the new birth. Spiritual man is not merely a highly developed natural man, but rather a "new creature" in Christ Jesus — a member of a new creation.

These two, the natural and the spiritual, occupy separate realms. The Apostle Paul expressed it this way: "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."

A study divides the introductory text three ways: First, the Natural Man; second, the Legal Man; and third, the Spiritual Man.

The Natural Man

The Natural Man is human nature in the raw, just as we behold him in the daily walks of life, a slave to fleshly desires, encased in a carnal mind which is "enmity against God," with no evidence of spiritual light existing in his darkened soul. We might call him *the Gentile*, original meaning of the term being — one alienated from God. But, in this period of time, God is drawing to Himself a people from among the Gentiles, so *in Christ*, "there is neither Greek nor Jew."

Gentiles and Jews alike, must come the same way, if they would inherit eternal life. They must accept Christ as Saviour and upon doing so receive new natures which were not theirs through the human birth. Whether the flesh be Jewish, Greek, Barbarian, Scythian, bond or free (Colossians 3:11), it still belongs to the Natural Man, until the

new life is imparted by supernatural regeneration.

God made man in His own image, a free moral agent, capable of right and wrong choice, endowed with willpower that raised him to a higher level than other created beings. Man was placed in the Garden of Eden, his activities limited by divine decree. The laws of God were deliberately violated and in consequence of this fact, the sentence of death fell upon the race.

Disobedience is sin. Sin carries with it the sting of death.

This is the nature of the Natural Man. He is naturally a sinner, a sinner by inheritance. Death means expulsion from God. Man is dead, spiritually dead, while in an unregenerate state. The law of sin operates in opposition to God. It hates God. Sin is rebellion against the government of God. Consequently, it is difficult to get men to turn from their sinful ways and come to God. Ask any Preacher, Evangelist or other sincere Christian worker who is engaged at the task of soul-winning!

The Apostle Paul describes the Natural Man in this wise: "They are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."

The Apostle continues his arraignment of the evil qualities that characterize the man out of Christ: "And

even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."

Here we have a picture of the Natural Man. And it is not a pleasant picture. It is a very disagreeable one, but nevertheless true.

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The Legal Man

This is the man who was brought under the Law of Moses, prior to the coming of the Eternal Son into this world in a body of flesh. God gave this Law to the children of Israel. He had reason for bringing them under the Law, that oracles of truth might be given to the human race, preparatory to the coming of the One Who would fulfill the Sinai Revelation.

This Law was divine and therefore good. It was also holy, being a revelation of God's holiness. The Law of Moses was imposed on the children of Israel to make certain things manifest, and these were, that God requires a holy people, that sin resists His authority. The children of Israel were disobedient.

Paul emphasizes that the Law produced discipline in matters of conduct, like going to school disciplines the mind and character of the child. He wrote to the Galatians: "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."

No better means is available to us for contrasting the Law, in its disciplinary aspects, which the "newness of spirit" that the twice-born soul enjoys, than to quote again from Paul's letter to the Romans: "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be

dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter."

From Paul, we learn that through "newness of spirit," the Law becomes written on the tablets of the heart instead of tablets of stone. A work of Grace in the life, makes it possible for one to live according to the precepts of the Law. Israel tried to obey the Law in human strength and failed. All such effort must result in failure. Only Christ can live the overcoming, triumphant life above sin — through us. Hence these words from Paul: "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

The Law is not to be despised. It is spiritual because God is a Spirit, and He is Dispenser of the Law. The Law also is good because it serves a good purpose. Its purpose is revelation, so that man who comes under its command, learns about his own evil nature and need of a Saviour. The Law is the agency of God, by which is revealed the domination of sin in his own nature.

With the smoldering conscience of man thus stirred by the "schoolmaster," he is made ready to ask: "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

The Spiritual Man

The Spiritual Man is begotten from above. He has the Holy Spirit to teach, lead and comfort him. He is a child of God. The Law has no more

dominion over him. He has no legal obligation to fulfil because Jesus Christ in Whom he believes, fulfilled the Law. "By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Jesus paid the penalty of the broken Law and took all sins away, nailing them to His Cross. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree." God accepted this finished work, and gave approval, as evidenced by the fact that the Holy Spirit descended upon those gathered in the upper room at Jerusalem — which disciples were sent forth to proclaim the Gospel message to others.

But what about the Circumcision — a matter much emphasized by the religion of the Jews in both ancient and modern times? Circumcision, as practiced by the Jewish people today, is not a necessary accompaniment for the Spiritual Man. Nor does circumcision avail anything, as far as personal salvation is concerned. "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature."

The man in Christ benefits from the operation of the eternal Spirit in him. He is enlightened, so that he does not walk in darkness, and knows whither he is going. Forces antagonistic to right living meet their master and are defeated, through the new life imparted to him by the Holy Spirit.

The Spiritual Man has joy and peace because of the assurance of the finished work of the Redeemer Who died for him, and is not dependent upon any physical act or form of "good works" for his standing with the Heavenly Father. He knows that sorrow, suffering, opposition, want, affliction, and

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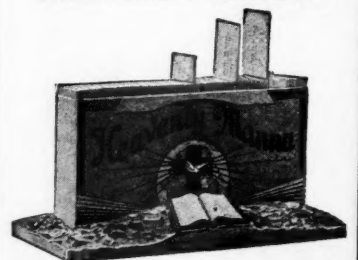


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Circumcision of the Heart

The Natural Man knows little or nothing about the requirement of circumcision, and has no interest in the subject as a religious rite.

The Legal Man, bound by the Law of Moses, submits to circumcision and attaches great importance to it. Circumcision is the initiatory requirement to which every male Jew must submit eight days after birth. No child can be counted an Israelite except he is circumcized.

But what benefit does this act bring to the circumcized? Does circumcision produce spirituality? Does circumcision communicate to one enlightenment, joy and assurance of victory over death? Does circumcision make him a son of God, a child of the heavenly Father? Does circumcision make him a member of the family of God, and an heir to life eternal? What position does circumcision occupy in the Word of God? Old Testament provision for the rite is entirely different from that of the New Testament.

Circumcision was given to Abraham as the sign of a special covenant existing between God and the patriarch. This covenant was made after he had left his kindred in the land of Chaldees. Promises of great future achievement had been given to him — including the fact that he would be the father of kings and nations and that his wife, Sarah, would bear a son.

Genesis 17:3-14 says: "And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. . . . And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant. . . . Thou shalt keep my covenant there-

fore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep. . . . Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you. . . . And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant."

Abraham was a man of God. He accepted in faith, the promises thus received. He obeyed the divine decree. He was a friend of God. A covenant could not have been made with a less righteous man.

Through Moses the Law was given to the children of Abraham. Ancient Israel was made up of sons of the covenant. Now, let the words of Jesus, spoken in rebuke to the Jewish leaders of His day, be especially noted: "Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?"

The Jewish leaders marvelled that Jesus knew so much about the Law. He told the Jews, that although Moses gave the Law to them, they did not abide by its provisions and were then and there violating it, in the act of demanding His destruction. At no time did Jesus condone their iniquitous behavior.

It is therefore evident from these facts that circumcision was given to the Jews from Abraham, because the fathers of the race were righteous men who walked uprightly before God . . . and from this line of the human family Christ came to bring salvation to the world.

But the circumcized Jews amongst whom Jesus lived, wanted to kill Him. They accused Him of being demon-possessed. What hatred these people expressed toward the true Messiah and Redeemer of the world! What enmity existed in their hearts toward the One Whom God had sent to save people of every race and nationality! *Thus we see that although they were circumcized in the flesh, it did not make them holy.*

Yet, this Man from Heaven, God incarnate in human form, was at that very time, filling hundreds of Old Testament prophecies. The Law was reaching completion in Him. But because of their spiritual blindness, wickedness of heart and apostasy from the truth, they could not understand.

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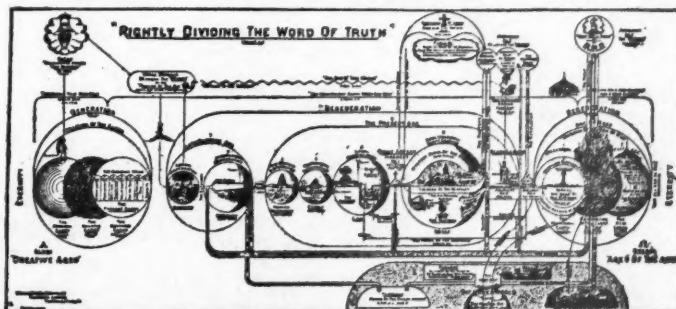
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They finally killed Him, and persuaded the Romans to nail Him to the Cross. They mocked Him while He hung there, and declared that He saved others but could not save Himself. They challenged Him to come down if He were the Son of God. They assumed responsibility for their deed, asking that His blood be on them and their children. What stubbornness, hatred and opposition to truth!

Stephen condemned them for their crime, in his great sermon, recorded in the seventh chapter of the book of Acts: "Ye stiffnecked and UNCIRCUMCISED IN HEART and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it."

The helpless Stephen suffered a fate similar to that of his Master. In unspeakable pain, and passing through the contortions of death, the rocks filling the air to pelt his helpless flesh, he yielded up his life and sealed his testimony with his blood.

So then we see that although the Jews were circumcized in the flesh according to the Law, this act failed utterly to give them spiritual understanding. Circumcision did not signify righteousness.

As a matter of fact, circumcision does not signify righteousness today. Circumcision is not essential to salvation. It is the heart of man, being "desperately wicked" by nature, that must be changed.

Circumcision, in its essential and primitive meaning, signified a holy relationship with God. But when the circumcized behave badly, reject God, do all kinds of evil, then circumcision becomes uncircumcision. This is the meaning of Paul's statement in the Epistle to the Romans:

"For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."

Mere formality and external actions in the flesh, cannot produce righteousness of character, purity of life and God-consciousness. The physical act of being circumcized means nothing before God. It is circumcision of the heart, the purification of the inner life by the power of the Holy Ghost, that counts!

"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in

Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." *Philippians 3:3.*

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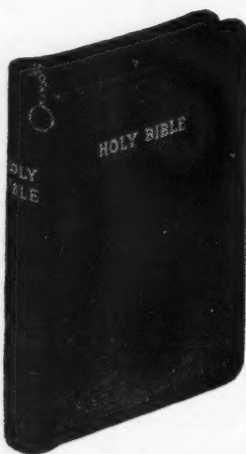
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I. IN ALL the world about us we see design. The artist, before he touches his brush to the canvas, has in his mind the image of that which he wishes to place before the eyes of men. The weaver has his pattern in mind, before he attempts to weave a rug upon which men's feet will tread. The architect must first lay out his plans, before builders set to work upon building construction. The mechanic has each minute detail microscopically perfect, before the mechanism is fitted together and the automobiles and airplanes produced.

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II.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Center of Creation. It is written: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. . . . That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

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III.

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No writer could invent such a character. Who was He then? He was a *Foreigner*. He was not of the type of men that this world produces. He came from some other realm. He came to make us a "kinsman," and having done that, went back to His own country again taking our nature with Him, as a man to sit upon the throne of God. The supernatural manner of His coming demanded the supernatural manner of His going. He was what He claimed to be — the "Mystery of Godliness" — *God manifest in the flesh*.

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In spite of dungeon, fire and sword.
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When'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers, Christ will bring
By it all nations Him to see
And through the Truth that comes from
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proclaim Him our Lord and our God, and with longing anticipation we reach forth to that day when as the raptured saints of Christ, we shall cast our crowns and prostrate ourselves before Him "and worship Him that liveth forever and ever, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they were and are created."

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Jesus is coming again! Coming for those who have named His name, whose lives have been Christ-centered lives. In view of this fact, what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

VI.

What shall it profit a man if he be a great artist and know not Jesus, the One Altogether Lovely? If he be a great architect and know not Jesus, the Chief Cornerstone? If he be a great baker and know not Jesus, the Living Bread? If he be a great doctor and know not Jesus, the Great Physician? If he be a great florist and know not Jesus, the Rose of Sharon?

What shall it profit a man if he be a great lawyer and know not Jesus, the sinner's Advocate? If he be a great sculptor and know not Jesus, the Living Stone? If he be a great philosopher and know not Jesus, the Wisdom of God? If he be a great

student and know not Jesus, the Incarnate Truth?

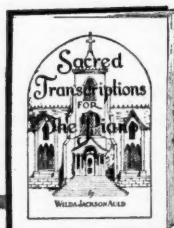
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These passages relate to Satan and his emissaries operating in this world.

No one who accepts the Scriptures as authoritative and has sufficient spiritual capacity to discern the presence of evil, doubts the existence of a personal devil. No true child of God questions that there are people in the world, who have yielded themselves in special ways to the control of Satan. Such darkened souls may seem to possess extraordinary knowledge and power of expression where spiritual matters are concerned, even *deceiving, if possible, the very elect.*

John exhorts the followers of Christ to "believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." In Old Testament times too, there was a ban placed on Satanic spiritistic activities, to keep the Israelites from being seduced by the powers of evil. Prior to the apostasy of King Saul, he issued decrees against "those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, of the land."

Then later, in an hour of great pressure, this same King demanded: "Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her." The witch of Endor was brought before him and soon thereafter, great tragedy came upon both the ruler and his people.

If men were not so materialistic and

could look behind the suffering that has come upon the human race in our day, they would see demon forces moving stealthily in the background to spread carnage on the earth. Christians perceive that the very atmosphere is charged with Satanic power. Envy, deceit, hate and war constitute the order of the day. Selfishness and cruelty have become the dominant influences of people and nations. Who will have the audacity to deny that, as in the days of Job, Satan is going to and fro in the earth?

New Deal Occultism

Many have no explanation for the confusion and pandemonium which now exists — because they lack understanding of Satan, his person and the devious ways that those animated by him, are working. The Author of Confusion is succeeding in driving millions into despair, or else soul-destroying pleasures and thrills. Only a comparatively few have chosen to walk with God and remain steadfast to the faith.

True children of God testify that

great exertion is required these days to keep up-to-date in their prayer life. It is in the character of Satan to discourage prayer, hinder the Gospel, pervert Scripture, counterfeit the program of God, and energize his dupes in the performance of lying wonders. Even believers are being deceived by machinations of evil. These are "latter days" in which the devil has disguised himself as "an angel of light."

Lacking capacity to discern the spirits, some followers of Christ are being misled by psychic and spiritistic phenomena, so that, like Saul, they are seeking out those who have "familiar spirits." When the deception is discovered, it is usually too late to escape the net of the adversary. The individual is either so weak that resistance is impossible, or the mind beclouded to the degree where discernment no longer remains possible.

During my years as a Bible teacher, I have frequently found it necessary to admonish against departing from the faith, yielding to seducing spirits and following doctrines of devils. I have often warned children of God against being blown about by this, or that, wind of doctrine. But today, as never before in my ministry, I see the necessity of urging Christians to remain steadfast.

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In the beginning of the Roosevelt Administration, a Chicago man named Hadrian H. Baker, founder of an angel worship cult, announced that the New Deal was the product of "high astrals." He claimed that high officials at Washington, including the President himself, received revelations from astral spirits who appeared at intervals in the tribunals of the cult in Chicago, and dictated their advice and doctrines through an automatic device. Baker condemns other forms of spiritism, but his system does not differ materially from the teachings of others known as "familiar spirits."

It is tragic to mistake the voice of a "seducing spirit" for the voice of God. It is tragic to yield the mind to Satanic infiltration, supposing the energizing power thus received is from God. These days of deception and special demon activity, should find Christians everywhere giving special heed to First John 4:2-4:

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

California Medium Speaks

I shall now quote from a "message" mailed to preachers of the San Francisco Bay District, by a notorious spiritistic medium:

"There is not more than a very few humans who have any real desire to become aware of the known facts, yet, these known facts are now available to every person who may have desire to become familiar with them; but self-willed and obstinate mankind seem to prefer to listen to, and be guided by, the unreliable and fallible discourses of their fellow-man, to the exclusion of that which God Almighty has told them through one of His holy mediums, and in exactly the same way that He gave the New Testament of the Holy Bible."

It is indeed brazen effrontery for this person, a California spiritist, to profess the same infallibility of expression as that which characterized the writers of the New Testament. But such is

the unabashed secretions of a human mind animated by the spirit of Satan. This writer continues:

"Many have been called but few chosen, is a popular text; yet how few even pretend to know the true meaning of this timely exclamation. . . . This medium will survive the ravages of the Climax because he came to Our Lord four years ago this month and willingly gave up his vicious free-will. He will be used by Me, the Lord Jesus Christ after the Climax, to re-write the Holy Bible."

Thus, it is noted that the writer of this "script," claims that Jesus Christ is putting thoughts in his mind, and words in his mouth, to be sent out to the world. So, the following is supposed to be spoken by the risen Saviour, through the lips of a Californian:

"The time is now close at hand when

there will come upon this wicked earth the most severe upheaval that has ever before been known; and there will be widespread suffering all over the known world. Much of the landed area will be sent beneath the oceans, and many millions of people will be taken from this life that they may be taught that the God of the universe will not be mocked; the few left will immediately become spiritualized.

"There will come from the celestial kingdom of Almighty God, numerous of His High and Holy Sons, who will be invested with the power as the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and then they will establish upon this distracted earth the kind of government that will be directed by the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a government of the people, for the people, and by the people, as was the sincere desire of one of my former beloved servants who is now in the spirit

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It will be noted that these excellently styled paragraphs contain certain elements of truth. It does not require much discernment, however, to discover that the language is not that of one versed in Bible doctrine. The medium who writes these "messages" under the control of a spirit who claims to be Jesus Christ is known to be otherwise a relatively ignorant person.

One may well ask, "How is it possible that such verbal and written messages, which denounce evil and encourage righteousness, can be the work of Satan?" The answer is, that in order to "deceive the very elect," the devil must needs make a pretense of truth, worship and piety.

Satan Fears the Blood

We are living in an age of extreme materialism, and this explains why such an amazingly large percentage of professed Christians disavow belief in a personal devil.

Satan is essentially a religious angel. He is *not* an atheist. He was created a worshipful being. As a leader of angelic hosts, he conceived the notion of becoming equal to God. His ambition is to deceive mankind and lead people from the paths of Christian truth. When his empire fell, he succeeded in taking only one-third of the angels with him in rebellion against the Most High.

Satan's plan to frustrate God by causing humanity to renounce the Creator, will succeed only in so far as men refuse to listen to God's warning as recorded in the Scriptures, as well as to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Jews who rejected our Lord's teachings,

while at the same time leaning on the leadership of apostates, were told that they were of their father the devil. Said Jesus, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44.

No device that Satan has created, or will ever create, can exist in the shed blood of Calvary. The fallen Archangel, and all his hosts, fear the blood-stained banner of King Immanuel. Blood-washed Christians who know the real meaning of the words they sing, "There Is Power In The Blood," will never be swept away by inventions of the evil one.

Any Pots, Any Pans?

AS usual, the American people are being *Barnumized*. They like to be fooled. And this time they are being fooled on the aluminum campaign. We are told that there is a "shortage of aluminum." That statement is both true and false.

We are being told that old pots, kettles and pans can be used directly in the manufacture of airplane and motor parts. That statement is *not* true.

Once aluminum has been processed into a kitchen kettle, it is most difficult to utilize it either for an airplane or a motor part. It can be re-processed for another kettle, pot or pan.

All in all, the aluminum campaign — which makes Uncle Sammy a back-alley peddler — will obtain millions of pounds of pots and pans from smiling housewives who, in a month or so, will visit some hardware store to purchase a new one made from the old one. Therefore, the question arises: "Who gets the money and makes the profit?"

— Social Justice

Against "Union Now"

In one of the most dramatic speeches ever made on the floor of Congress, Representative Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan denounced "Union Now" as a vicious plan to bring the United States under governmental control of the British Empire.

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Christendom should welcome this new vehicle for the presentation of never-changing truth. In 1611, after eight years of work, the King James or Authorized Version of the Bible went to press, and chains of superstition dropped wherever its magic touch was felt. This beautiful translation stands supreme, unequalled and unsurpassed for revealing to the human family the mind and purpose of God.

Realizing the need of a translation less poetic, one that would cling closely to the Hebrew and Greek text even at the expense of Elizabethian phraseology, in 1885 after fourteen years work by 65 scholars representing 34 denominations, the English press gave to the world the Revised Version. This was followed in 1901 by the American Standard Revision and then came the Goodspeed, Weymouth, and other translations.

All of these tremendous translating tasks were undertaken in a desire to meet the ever-growing demand, for an edition of the Bible in the language of that particular day. This demand was evidenced by the immediate market the publishers found for each of these Bibles.

Someone has said that we have lived a century in the last twenty-five years, and that is quite true. Basic discoveries came before this period, but progress along every front has been so amazing that the men who died in the first year of the first World War, would hardly recognize this as the world in which they formerly lived, should they return today.

We had the automobile previous to this era of scientific miracles but what an automobile! We cranked it and wiped the windshield by hand, and heated bricks to keep our feet from freezing, as we drove at the tremendous speed of 20 miles an hour, in the winter cold. We had a radio, a crystal set with earphones and every now and then between the grating and scratching

and screeching, we thought we heard a voice. But who would have believed a quarter of a century ago, let alone a century ago, that a great giant clipper would cross the Atlantic at regular intervals and that, not only could its passengers while in mid-ocean enjoy a program of music broadcast from London or New York, but they could talk via the two-way radio phone to England or America!

Times have changed, people have changed, expressions have changed, language has changed. We have a new English. My fifteen-year-old boy would have difficulty conversing with my grandfather, his great-grandfather, and I am very sure the grand old gentleman, could he step back into this world for a day, would be puzzled by the twentieth-century English of his great-grandson.

Every preacher and teacher has long recognized the need of an edition of the Word of God, in language that the layman young and old, could read and understand without commentary or interpreter. I am positive that is the way

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Fifteen per cent commissions will be paid in cash immediately on each and every new subscription report turned in. This is an unusual feature and insures compensation to everybody who participates. (See Rule 11).

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Every Christian patriot and friend of *The Defender* is invited to enter the contest without cost and with a free hand to win a capital prize and the high honors that go with it.

A complete list and the money value of the prizes will be found elsewhere in this *Defender*.

How Votes Are Issued

Votes will be issued on each subscription to *The Defender*, according to schedule published elsewhere. Votes

are obtained in three ways: First, by gift of an equal number of bonus votes to everyone who enters the contest; Second, by clipping the free-vote coupons from *The Defender*; and Third, by paid-up subscriptions to *The Defender*.

For every yearly subscription to *The Defender*, 5,000 votes will be issued. (See schedule elsewhere). Supremacy in the vote score will decide the winners.

A BULLETIN OF VOTE STANDINGS AND INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED BETWEEN ISSUES OF THE DEFENDER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CONTESTING CANDIDATES. If enough nominations are received in time, the first list of contestants will be published about October 10th.

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Your First Move

All you need to do to enter, is send in the nomination blank published with this announcement or even a postal card will do. Your first subscription will start you off with 20,000 bonus votes, in addition to the regular votes earned per schedule.

Spare Time Only

As for the time you can devote to the contest, the management has arranged the competition as a spare-time activity.

It is not expected or required, that anyone should devote to this fascinating pastime more than a few minutes

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Contest Rules

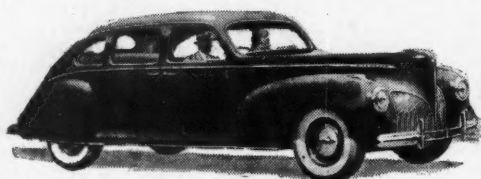
1. Any man or woman over 16 years of age (or younger, if approved by parents and the contest director), excepting employees or close relatives of employees of *THE DEFENDER* magazine may become a candidate of the contest. The management reserves the right to reject objectionable nominations.
2. Any candidate may enter from the district in which he or she resides or from the district in which he or she is employed.
3. Candidates are not confined to their own district in which to obtain votes and subscriptions, but may take orders anywhere, and anyone may assist them. Candidates must make a cash report during each of the final two weeks of the contest.
4. Votes are not transferable from one active candidate to another active candidate. Candidates cannot withdraw in favor of other active candidates; nor can candidates give or transfer subscriptions to another candidate.
5. Votes will be issued on paid-in-advance subscriptions (new or renewal) for *THE DEFENDER*, including coupons and free votes.
6. A NEW subscriber is one who was not taking *THE DEFENDER* by mail when the contest was announced. Votes are issued, subject to verification. Candidates who turn in old (or renewal) subscriptions marked "new" may forfeit votes received on such subscriptions.
7. No statement, assertion or promise, either written or verbal, made by any of the solicitors, agents, candidates or any other person, other than published in *THE DEFENDER*, will be recognized by the publishers or the contest management.
8. It is distinctly understood and agreed that all candidates will be responsible for all moneys collected, and that they will remit such amounts in full on schedule at frequent intervals, or on demand to the contest department.
9. Prizes are to be delivered to the winners as soon as the official judges announce the results of the contest. In case of a tie for any prizes the tying candidates will receive duplicate prizes or their equivalents.
10. The publishers reserve the right to place additional prizes on the list.
11. A cash commission of 15 per cent on new subscriptions is guaranteed every participant. Cash commissions will be paid, or may be deducted by, each candidate at the time the report is turned in. However, cash commissions paid will be charged against whatever grand prize the contestant may win, and must be liquidated or deducted from the final grand prize at the end.
12. The contest opens at once and closes, Saturday, December 20, 1941.
13. Any question or controversies that may arise are to be settled by the Contest Director, and the publishers; their decision will be final and conclusive.
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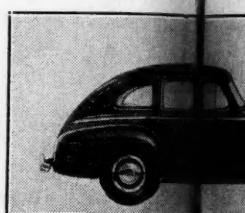
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For "Christian Americans"

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each day — time that otherwise would be absolutely lost.

Your chances of winning a grand prize need not be lessened by the fact that you hold a job, or have duties in the home that take most of your waking time.

Assuming that you have already decided to go after one of the 55 prizes offered, what next?

Early Bird Wins

An early start has many advantages. By entering immediately you give yourself and your acquaintances more time in which to accumulate votes for you. Time is your most valued asset. That is only one advantage of early entry.

Another is that by getting your name in the early list of candidates, your determination to win gets wider adver-

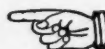
tising than if you hold it and more publicity you get, the more your friends and well-wishers will be helping you win.

A third reason for getting into the running at once, is that your announcement will have the effect of making you in the minds of friends and associates in the group in which you move, your church or Sunday School, and your neighborhood as the logical candidate.

The fourth and greatest reason for early activity, is that subscriptions the first period earn more votes than they will at the end of the campaign. This is to inhibit speculation and reward merit.

If you are unable yourself to compete, you may nominate a friend.

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How Prizes Will Be Awarded

Every candidate in the Defender Prize Contest will be awarded 15% immediate cash on new subscriptions at the time of making his or her reports and returns.

All the grand capital prizes will be given away FREE following the close of the campaign on December 20, 1941, to the persons with the highest number of votes by that time, as follows:

The candidate polling the greatest number of votes in the entire contest — regardless of district — will be awarded the \$1,800 Lincoln ("V-12 Zephyr") Sedan; or cash option to be determined upon, at the option of the winner; the commissions already paid in the form of 15% being first liquidated in either case. (See Rule No. 11).

The candidate polling the second greatest number of votes in the entire contest — regardless of district — will be awarded the \$1,200 Mercury "V-8" Sedan; or cash option to be determined upon; subject to commission deduction or liquidation. (Rule 11).

The third highest candidate will be awarded the \$900 Ford "V-8" Tudor Sedan; or a cash option; subject to commission liquidation. (Rule 11).

The winner of any car has the option, also, of one or two South American all-expense tours of approximately equivalent value of the cash allowance. Cash options will be somewhat less than the delivered price of the automobiles.

The fourth highest candidate in vote standing will be awarded a brief "Tourist" round trip to Mexico, or a West Indies Tour, of \$400 value; or a cash option of \$300; subject to commission liquidation as per Rule No. 11.

The next THIRTY-FIVE winners, in the order of their vote standings and regardless of district, will share \$1,000 in cash awards, ranging from \$200 downwards, less amounts already paid in the form of 15% in cash commissions. These grand cash prizes will be apportioned pro rata according to vote standings and amount of business developed by the 35 cash winners. The total grand prizes number 39.

In addition to the foregoing, SPECIAL CASH PRIZES to the amount of \$500 will be awarded to 16 winners. Total of all prizes 55.

Additional prizes may be placed on the list if returns justify.

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Return this coupon to the Campaign Manager with your first subscription payment, either renewal or new, and you will receive 20,000 votes, in addition to the votes allowed on regular vote schedule.

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Candidate's Name _____

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This coupon, accompanied by the Nomination Blank and your first subscription, will start you in the race with 25,000 votes, plus the regular votes on the subscription, as shown in the schedule. Only one of these coupons will be credited to each candidate.

From the 55 Listed Awards — cars, trip and cash, a Special Fund, estimated at \$5,000 but not limited, is to be distributed to contestants in the form of SPOT CASH commissions, 15 per cent of all subscription money turned in (See Rule 11). This arrangement assures compensation to all ACTIVE contestants and means there will be no losers in this race — everybody gets something.

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the Holy Spirit meant the Book to be read. He did not intend that a teacher should have to be at the elbow of every reader.

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Basic English is a simplified form of English which, by means of a vocabulary of 850 words, used in accordance with a few simple rules, can express the sense of anything that can be said in English.

The Publisher says of this New Testament in Basic English: "The Basic version is not intended to compete with the Authorized Version form as a piece of fine writing, but many people who have known the Authorized Version from childhood have already discovered, greatly to their surprise and equally to their satisfaction, that to read the new translation is like reading the Bible for the first time."

Naturally everyone will turn to some well-known favorite passage in order to judge the new version, and the following extract, the 13th chapter of I Corinthians, may serve to show that even those parts of the Bible which have been universally admired in the Authorized Version retain their power in the new form.

"If I make use of the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am like sounding brass, or a loud-tongued bell. And if I have a prophet's power, and have knowledge of all secret things; and if I have all faith, by which mountains may be moved from their place, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I give all my goods to the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it is of no profit to me.

"Love is never tired of waiting; love is kind; love has no envy; love has no high opinion of itself, love has no pride; love's ways are ever fair, it takes no thought for itself; it is not quickly made angry, it has no thought of evil; it takes no pleasure in wrongdoing, but has joy in what it true; love has the power of undergoing all things, having faith in all things, hoping all things. Though the prophet's word may come to an end, tongues come to nothing, and knowledge have no more value, love has no end. For our knowledge is only in part, and the prophet's word gives only a part of what is true: but when that which is complete is come, then that which is in part will be no longer necessary.

"When I was a child, I made use of a child's language, I had a child's feelings and a child's thoughts: now that I am a man I have put away the

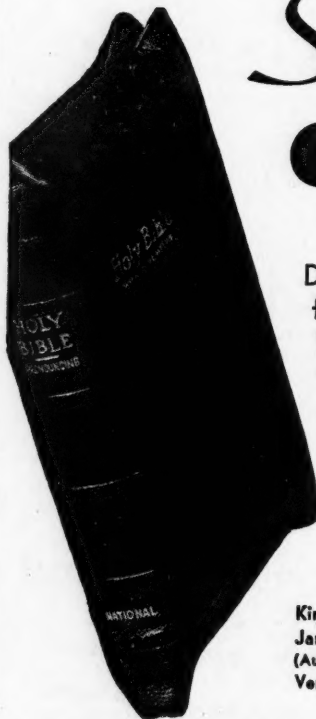
things of a child. For now we see things in a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now my knowledge is in part; then it will be complete, even as God's knowledge of me. But now we still have faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

We find the claim of the Publishers as demonstrated by this passage from I Corinthians, to be true throughout. We perused the pages of this Basic English Translation until the small hours of the morning. Its simplicity,

its directness, and freshness of style held us captivated.

We believe, with the Publishers, that it will open the English Bible to many new readers, and that without replacing previous editions in their esteem and affection, will invigorate with its clearness, those to whom tradition has endeared the Authorized Version.

(Editor's Note: This important review was written by Dr. E. J. Rollings, Detroit, Michigan.)



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The Preacher And The Perils of War

Dr. W. B. Riley, First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Editor's Note: The following sermon was delivered from the Author's pulpit on a recent Sunday morning and later reproduced, in part, in the Congressional Record at the request of United States Senator Henrik Shipstead.

"If the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me." Ezekiel 33:6-7

There has long been a popular opinion, an opinion that still persists with some, that the preacher has nothing to do with politics. On all questions of political concern, *silence* only, becomes the Gospel minister.

It is a strange opinion, absolutely unbiblical and also irrational; but of easy explanation. It comes from two very distinct and even opposing ideals.

First, from the Minister himself, who intelligently acknowledges that his chief business is not to right the State, nor correct the world, but to win men to God and holiness.

The second source is wholly selfish, and coming as it does from men who have vested and unrighteous interests, faithful Gospel preaching would, inevitably affect their opposition. For instance, when America engaged in war with the Filipinos and this pulpit protested, the man who charged the Minister with a lack of patriotism was "a maker of munitions." His motive, therefore, in favor of war — just or unjust — was on a level with that of the undertaker who voted for the continuation of the saloon — in both instances the business would be helped.

I have said such an opinion was unscriptural! The text of the morning is an illustration of that truth. It relates to The Office of Watchman: to The Obligation of Warning, and is The Word of the Lord.

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The Office of Watchman

There could be no question here as to who the watchman was since the first verse of the prophet tells us that he is the man to whom the "word of the Lord came, saying, Son of man speak to the children of thy people."

God's watchman is such by His appointment.

The student of Ezekiel will not forget how this captive received his commission. Chapter two, verses 1 to 7 fully explains. Of that call Ezekiel was as positive as was the apostle Paul. It will be remembered that Paul, the author of fourteen books of the New Testament, never commences one of them without asserting his Divine appointment as an apostle. In the instance of both the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel and the New Testament apostle Paul, such a Divine commission was the *sine qua non* of the office itself; and in the judgment of some of us, God's method in this matter has not changed a whit in the millenniums that have passed since the call of Moses himself.

R. F. Horton, in his series of lectures, once delivered before the divinity students of Yale, remarked: "All manner of sins may be forgiven a preacher — a harsh voice, a clumsy delivery, a bad pronunciation, an insufficient scholarship, a crude doctrine, an ignorance of men; but there is one defect which cannot be forgiven, for it is a kind of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost; it cannot be forgiven him if he preaches when he has not received a message from God to deliver. Woe unto those prophets whom the Lord hath not sent!"

God's prophet is controlled by His Command.

The reason why he must indulge in words of "warning" and assume a position that will prove unpopular, rests in his commission to speak; to declare the truth with a view to the defense and salvation of his people. Peter and John found themselves at variance with popular opinion, and were solemnly warned not to speak at all, nor teach in the name of Jesus. "But Peter

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and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

That is the only safe course for any divinely commissioned man to take. "Time-servers" in the pulpit will consult selfish interests and so speak as to leave unroused any trouble or opposition. Cowards in the sacred desk will stifle convictions and voice the opinion of the crowd. False prophets will cry "Peace, Peace, when there is no peace;" but God's man will proclaim God's truth. To fail there is to find himself stained with the blood of his fellows, and answerable to just judgment. . . .

By mental constitution I am a Democrat; by education, experience, and observation, I yield my complete allegiance to a democratic form of government. The great principles laid down by our early American Statesmen and put into permanent form in our Constitution, have my unalloyed allegiance. I detest Fascism. I consider Nazism beastly and brutal. I hold Communism to be the insanity of all centuries. I am the eternal enemy of human dictatorship.

I believe in the free exercise of the individual conscience and in the eternal right of every soul to worship God after the manner of his individual mind; but I recognize one absolute dictator, and only One; that Dictator is the God Who gave this commission to Ezekiel! His commands are my marching orders; and insofar as I can discover His will, by Scripture study, or in answer to prayer, that Will marks for me the path of duty.

God's watchman must go on God's Word.

Those of us who are Ministers of the Gospel hold with the apostle Paul that "we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us."

An ambassador is not at court to express his personal pleasure; but rather, to voice the ruler, or the government, that commissions him. When he cannot do that conscientiously he should surrender his portfolio and step out of office, as did the late Mr. Bryan, when Wilson declared war.

I never read the story of these Old

Testament saints without being reminded of the fact that their successors in office are, in the majority of cases, very unlike them. Prophecy is finding fulfillment to the effect that many Preachers now speak the "smooth things." Such indictment of sin as the Old Testament prophets voiced is found in the lips of few. But there are men of the old Thomas Carlyle type still living; their voices rise above the din of the modern flying machine, the roar of the passing train, or even the confusion of the eternal radio.

Some of us believe that it is still true; as true as it was in Ezekiel's day, that in times like these there rests upon the prophet of God

The Obligation of Warning

"If the watchman let the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand."

This Scripture clearly suggests at least three matters of moment:

First, At the approach of the sword the watchman should speak.

That is why I am here this morning! That is why this text is taken! That is why I will probably say before I have finished this discourse things with which all will not agree; but things on which I shall strive at least, to voice what seems to me to be God's will.

In 1914 I saw rise, from practically the same source, a war that deluged the world in blood. I witnessed then the political performance of employing a catch phrase in vote control. It was Wilson's candidacy for the second term, and the slogan was "He kept us out of war." Then when, in his second term, he led us into war, the slogan changed. It was "a war to make the world safe for democracy." It was "a war to end all war."

Such propaganda influenced our people sufficiently to draw America into the swirl, and when the war was ended thousands of our boys were buried, to the profit of nobody; hundreds of thousands of others of them were languishing in the hospitals, where to this good hour, many still suffer and groan, dying daily; and billions of money that we loaned to the participants were lost forever to America, but had to be recouped from the lean pockets of tax-

payors. The result was that by 1929 America entered upon a period of depression that wiped out thousands of firms, ten thousand bankers; reduced to the point of need millions of business men, and flung the flotsam and jetsam of society upon the benevolence of the federal treasury.

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I visited England in '29, and visited her again in '36, and I never dreamed that any nation could pass from need to luxury in so short a time.

As for Germany, the other great contestant, she has amazed the world by the amassed fortune, invested in war machines — the like of which sixty centuries has not known.

To me experience is a teacher! I am not biting on the propaganda bait that would put my nation again into this Old World conflict; I am not in sympathy with the President's proposition to defend democracy in every quarter of the earth, while neglecting its proper defense on the soil of the



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United States. I am against permitting gangsters to capture controlling positions in Labor Unions, and dictate to the Government itself, while retaining as Secretary of Labor an individual known to be sympathetic with Pinks and Reds.

The recent turn in the tilt between Germany and Russia has swept away the last vestige of argument left to our hospitality inclined Spend-Thrift for if ever there was a nation which stands against the "four liberties" for which he was fighting only a fortnight ago, that nation is the present Russia with its Bolshevik reign. And yet, we are informed daily by the press, that there is a growing disposition to make good on past compliments to that government, and cultivate closer fellowship with this murderous Philistine, this outlaw among nations, whose Rulers have not even had compassion upon their own people, but have slaughtered them by the millions for the crime of insubordination to Bolshevik will.

To many of the most thoughtful men in America, it was bad enough to propose by the Lease-Lend Bill to back any needy government in the world that laid the least claim to democracy; but how on earth that backing can be readily extended to the most outstanding enemy of individual freedom the world has ever seen, to the sword opposer of Christ, to the nation that not only denies God, but brazenly defies Him, is past the comprehension of some of us, and so contrary to our love for Christ that no national law nor individual threat could keep us silent.

It was bad enough to know that during the year of 1940, at which time Russia was threatening to Communize the world, having its eyes upon America as its chief country of conquest, and was even directing organizing forces in our land to the end of bloody revolution, that our Government should have sold to that country \$8,000,000 worth of cotton for the manufacture of explosives; \$14,000,000 worth of copper to be converted into war materials; and enough leather to make shoes for more than a million men of her army.

Mark you! this was at a time when Russia was yet flirting with Germany,

all of which makes it appear that the sudden reversal (which was not according at all to their plan, but which has been forced upon them by German attack) becomes the first semblance of excuse that our President, or any warmonger, could present for their behavior.

Second: The safety of his people should be the Prophet's first concern.

The text says: "I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel."

We had to wait the twentieth century to find an egotist who thought he had been set as a watchman for the wide world. It may sound very narrow in these days of loose thinking and boastful speech about "the brotherhood of man," to say that one is more interested in his own nation than he is in those across the sea; or more concerned for the members of his own family than he is in the houses of the Hottentots; but some of us are personally willing to lay ourselves open to that very charge, and even claim Scriptural backing for the same.

I haven't a drop of German blood in my veins; I have never set foot on German soil, and never even had a German sweetheart, or German crony-companion; I have closed my eyes to every line of German propaganda reaching my desk. Every single close relative that I have, outside of America, is on English soil. Some of the most delightful visits of my life, and some of the dearest friends I have made are on British soil; and yet, I frankly say to you that I am more solicitous to see my own land safe than I am to save even Britain. If that is not patriotism, then my dictionary will have to be rewritten.

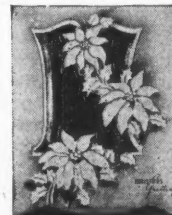
It is not yet twenty-five years since we aided her in the last victory, and were politely dismissed with criticism of our delayed arrival, and left in the

lurch to the tune of six billion dollars promised and unpaid; and we were but slightly consulted on that "world adjustment" which is now confessedly the occasion of the new revolution.

I pray daily for the final and effective defeat of Germany and her Allies; but I think daily of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; at night in my waking hours, I think of the millions of young men, who are not prepared to meet God, and the blood of their unsaved souls might be upon my skirts if I warned not against war. So far as lies within my power I would leave to present youth of my day an inheritance something akin to that which was bestowed upon me by my forefathers — peace instead of war, national prosperity instead of national bankruptcy incident to the fool endeavor to fight at the world-ends all opponents, and thereby unfit ourselves absolutely for that defense of our own Country, for which we are completely sufficient, if we but consulted home-interests first.

Mud-slinging at people who do not

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 speak our shibboleth, nor go our exact path in politics, is common now, and is according to the *Protocol Plan*. Here is an instance: My preferred candidate for Mayor of Minneapolis was elected. One writes: "Now that you got your underworld man Kline in, you and the underworld can rejoice. You will no doubt crawl back in your den and be satisfied."

Another one says: "Don't you know anything about all the racketeering, gambling, and houses of ill-fame that's running wide open day and night. We all know those bad places would not or could not exist without protection; big moneys are being spent for their protection. Who gets that money? Doubtless you must get your share, otherwise you would not be so willing to uphold this dirty system that now exists."

On local or national questions, dare to think and act your convictions, and you become the mud-slinger's target!

Let them shoot! Some of us will speak on!

A recent "America First" speaker, who is, in my judgment, one of the noblest of patriots, said:

"A refugee who steps from the gang-plank and advocates war is acclaimed as a defender of freedom. A native born American who opposes war is called a fifth columnist. In 1776 George Washington said, 'Real patriots who may resist the intrigues of the Favorite, are liable to become suspected and odious, while its tools and dupes usurp the applause and confidence of the people to surrender their interests.'"

In my judgment, the list of noble Americans that might be justly put into "Who's Who in America" would contain no greater names than those of ex-President Hoover, ex-Presidential candidate Landon, ex-officio-friend of Roosevelt Hugh Johnson, and the ex-

idol of America Charles Lindbergh!

If the day does not again come when these men and their logical advice is appreciated, it will be because America will be so far lost to her former ideals, that the very mention of a democracy will meet with mockery only.

I yield to no man in my sympathy for Chamberlain who, peace-loving as he was, thought that by placating Hitler he could get by the German enemy without war. My warmest sympathy has gone out to him as mistaken but well-meaning.

I yield to no man in admiration of Churchill. I think he took over a task that seemed hopeless and by his very determination and tenacity, has exhibited a courage that is all too rare in this age of cowards; but I am not at all in line with those who believe that when the European war is over, Germany will have strength enough left (after whipping all others) to cross the thousands of miles of sea and make short work of my America.

To me such a thought belittles my land; and such an argument is born of propaganda and nurtured from the bottle of hysteria!

I can readily conceive that hundreds of thousands of the fair youth of my country could be slaughtered on foreign shores, thousands of miles from the home base; and for a cause in which their country is but slightly involved; but I cannot conceive that Hitler, or any other European potentate, could cross the seas, land armies on our shore and whip those lads at their home base.

I am not in the least disposed to call by black names the men who so believe; many of them are doubtless my easy equals; and some of them my mental superiors; but I have a mind that simply does not function that way. Exactly opposite to what Will Rogers used to say, "All I know is not what I read in the newspapers!"

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Now that Russia has added her land and people to this conflict, nearly one-half the earth's surface and a population of many hundreds of millions are subject to England's call and Russian cooperation. Why not let them use their own millions of men and money?

What a strange situation, when America, who had nothing to do with this war, and has no business in it, is conscripting men by the millions and voting money by the billions, when Canada, a part of the Dominion of England, conscripts nobody and boasts to tourists, "Our land has plenty; come feast and enjoy yourselves."

I do not deem it my obligation as a Minister to correct the thinking of even my own auditors; but I do accept the Prophet's obligation of sounding the alarm against war, into which we are being sucked as a chip in a whirlpool.

It would be useless to speak after the affair is over. There are thousands of men now who can tell us where we made mistakes in '14-'18. Such information is worth nothing. It is not after the war is past, but while it is going that God's Prophet must lift his voice. William Jennings Bryan dared to do it and took the contempt of many in 1917. But now, his sanity is esteemed and his Christian testimony is untarnished.

I conclude, then, what I have to say upon this subject by one further suggestion:

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I opposed the Philippine war on the same ground that I am now in opposition to Hitler; to me it was the strength of a big nation pitted against a little one for the purpose of appropriation. I grant you that they were better off under our protection; but

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many a slave was better off in slavery than after freedom came. That fact, however, did not, and could not justify slavery.

I foolishly consented to the war of 1914-18. My sons served in it, and two of them are already in the service again; but they went in under a promise that they would fight in defense of the homeland and would not be shipped abroad to foreign embroilments.

Ten years ago a pacifist wave swept America and those who were its advocates, fastened upon one text, "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword" as if that were a *carte blanche* imprecation of war. My volumes published at that time will show that I held such interpretation to scorn and quoted as over against it, the words of the Lord, "I came not to bring peace, but a sword" the language of the Master in connection with His second coming. And again, "When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace," and other Scriptures.

Go back into Old Testament history, you will find the plain record that God backed His own not only on the battlefield, but in making of war itself — Deut. 20, 23:11, Jer. 5:10f, 6:21f, Ezek. 5:12, 21:12, Isa. 13:16, 34:6, etc.

The Word of God is not against all war and pacifists have seldom been Scripture experts; and still less often desirable patriots!

*But the Word is against war in general.*

When Jesus Christ wanted to describe a world-condition as represented by confusion, conflict, darkness and death, he pictured it as a period of "wars and rumors of wars."

When James, the apostle, wanted to tell us the source of war, he had not far to seek, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence even of your lusts that war in your members?"

When the prophet David wanted to picture the time of Divine supremacy — the Kingship of Jesus, he voiced it after this manner: "He maketh wars

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When the prophet Micah wanted to tell of the glad day in which the King of Glory "should reign from sea to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the earth," he painted the day when God would "judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

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*The problem of believers is to discover the will of God.*

There is one thing certain about this war. It is not a "Holy War." The

Church of God did not start it; it is not headed up by outstanding believers; Christians did not desire it, and Christians cannot stop it.

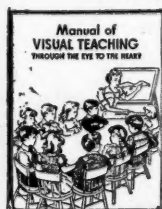
Twenty-five years ago our leaders thought we were sufficient to make the world "safe for democracy." Time has long since demonstrated the absurdity! Students of prophecy know perfectly well that if this is the last war it will take on proportions that will involve the whole world (Rev. 9:16), and America's part in it will settle nothing; and these students know equally well that if it is not the last war, its issue will in no sense be final, but one war will succeed another until the Prince of Peace appears. No questions, such as our benighted statesmen are now talking of settling, will ever be settled 'till Christ comes. "Tribulations" will come; and "such as the world has not seen since its beginning; and except those days shall be shortened there shall no flesh be saved."

There were "wise men" who held to scorn the fear I expressed in a Bible Conference in May 1914, viz. that I was bringing up boys to bite the dust and die on battlefields; but they were men who did not know prophecy, or who did not believe in its inspiration.

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find ourselves eventually in the ditch with them.

In the recent issue of a well known Christian magazine, on its first page, appears an article, "The Columnist and the Bible." The writer expresses surprise, at the same time satisfaction, to find a well-known newspaper columnist and radio commentator, Boake Carter, commenting on current events in the light of prophecy. In the *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, Carter says:

"I have kept to a line of thought in these columns for the very fundamental reason that I have steeped myself for months in reading the Bible, particularly Ezekiel, Daniel, and St. Paul's revelations, and applied the simple rules of the science of nature to each day's news of our domestic and world events and behavior."

How marvelous! Not long since the Editor of *Mercury*, supposed to be an

iconoclast, clearly declared that the world events of the present were in perfect accord with the prophecies of the New Testament Scriptures.

It is a sad day for the Church when its Pastors fail to see what magazine editors behold. Boake Carter should have been given the pulpit now occupied by many an unbelieving Minister, when he said:

"What I fear is that we will struggle to the desperate last to hold our false gods and distorted values and destruction of truth, until agony of loss will drive us nationally to the Spirit. Then will our eyes open and conflict end between ourselves and our Maker."

Politicians, purchasable Newspapers, International Bankers, and hired Propagandists may succeed in further sickening "man against man, and nation against nation;" but the peace of the individual and the peace of the world waits the appearance of the Prince of Peace.

Saul, his coming will result in tragedy and sorrow.

Satan offered Christ all the nations if He would bow down and worship the devil. Satan wanted an uncrucified Messiah. The false Messiah will be uncrucified. He will be the world's most popular man, instead of the world's most unpopular man.

Christ is loved only by those who have trusted Him for salvation. He is hated by others. The Antichrist will be loved by all the unregenerated, and abhorred only by those who have been redeemed by faith in the shed blood of Christ.

Christ rejected the offer of an international kingship, without a crucifixion, for such a kingdom would have been lacking in righteousness. The Antichrist will one day accept the nations from the hand of Satan and the world will worship an uncrucified, pseudo-Messiah.

### 3. Present Dictators Are Forerunners of the Antichrist.

Individual nations will first come under the power of dictators, who will eventually hand their power over to the super-dictator. "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." (Rev. 17:13)

Satan is the god of this age. Not until Christ returns will the right kind of government be inaugurated on this earth. All dictators, as well as would-be dictators, are Satan's men. According to God's plan, every individual should be left free to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. No dictator — no system of government, has the right to set forces in motion that tend to

## The Coming International Dictator

Dr. W. D. Herrstrom, Minneapolis, Minnesota

**T**HE spirit of dictatorship grips the world today. This is an evidence that demon powers are gradually gaining control of the world's political leaders. Under Satanic influence, such men will prepare the world for the coming international dictator, the Antichrist.

### 1. One Man Will Rule the World.

The Scriptures indicate that the coming Beast will be an international ruler. "And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." (Rev. 13:7)

He will rule with absolute sovereignty over a world empire. His power will be unlimited for at least three and one-half years. The time is coming when he will demand and receive worship. "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life." "And they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"

His system of economic control will be so complete that every human being who wishes to transact business, will have to receive his mark as a pledge of full allegiance to him. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

### 2. He Will Be Satan Incarnate.

"And the dragon gave him his power, and his seat (throne), and great authority." (Rev. 13:2)

The Beast will be the counterfeit Messiah. As Christ was God incarnate, so the Antichrist will be Satan incarnate. As Saul was given to ancient Israel to gratify their vanity, so this man will be given to the world in answer to the cry for a leader after the lusts of the human heart. And as with

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destroy faith or interfere with man's allegiance to the Son of God. Whenever a dictator does this, he is out of order and is doing the bidding of Satan.

According to the Word of God, only godly men have a right to hold political office. God ordained human government, but He ordained that it should be supervised only by good men. Such rulers would make sure that the laws of God were respected.

If we are to follow the Bible, only Christians have a right to run for political office and hold office. No others are qualified. It was a day of victory for Satan when he hoodwinked the human race and wormed into power the enemies of God.

Every dictator is helping set the stage for the coming Antichrist. If America has a dictator, he, too, will be the devil's man, to destroy individual liberty and set the stage for the worship of Satan in the person of the coming international dictator.

The excuse for dictatorship is always "emergency." That was Lenin's excuse. That was Hitler's excuse. That was Mussolini's excuse. That was Franco's excuse. That was Churchill's excuse. That is the excuse of every politician who wields absolute power today. It is the excuse of some others who obviously want to become dictators.

The Christian refusing to be deceived by such flimsy arguments, recognizes all dictators as men who have yielded themselves to Satan. Christians will shun, abhor and oppose all such! If they do not, they will find themselves in league with Satan.

#### 4. The International Dictator Will Be the Enemy of God.

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"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods." (Dan. 11:36)

The inroads which atheism has made, especially in the realm of education and politics constitute a sign that the stage is being set for the acceptance of the coming enemy of God, the Antichrist. "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" — which means that the fibre and soul of the natural man is against God, contrary to the will and purpose of God. Having rejected the true God, the world will enthroned, for a time, the enemy of God.

The leveling of professing Christianity down to a plane of humanism through far-reaching apostasy, makes Antichrist's appearance on the world horizon possible. When the Church ceases to give resistance to evil, then there remains no restraint against the nefarious schemes of Satan. Paul makes this clear in his second letter to the Thessalonians where he speaks first of apostasy, and second of Antichrist demanding worship "above all that is called God." We read:

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

#### 5. The International Dictator Will Be the Enemy of God's People.

God's people are those who have been

saved by faith in the shed blood of Christ. They will be the victims of the wrath of the coming Beast.

"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them." (Rev. 13:6, 7)

When the Antichrist reigns, the death sentence will hang over the head of everyone who names the name of Christ.

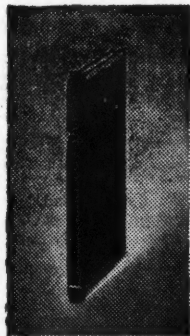
Revelation 6:9-11 suggests the terrible suffering of Christians during that period. Revelation 7:14 tells of a multitude of Tribulation martyrs. Because the saints are thus persecuted, judgment finally strikes the earth with such fury, that the rivers run with the blood of the enemies of God. "For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy." (Rev. 16:6)

The rising tide of hatred toward persons who are doing effective service for the Lord may be observed by listening to godless news commentators over the radio; or by reading certain magazines published by men whose minds and hearts are saturated with filth from the cesspools of hell. Such men are Satan's emissaries and when the Antichrist appears they will salute him and grovel in the dust before him.

#### 6. The International Dictator Will Set Himself Up As God.

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God

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sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (II Thess. 2:4)

Every dictatorship has three characteristics: The individual citizen is robbed of his liberties; he becomes a chattel of the state; he is forced, upon penalty of death, to obey the ruthless orders of the dictator.

In a dictatorship, it is presumed that the mind of the dictator is of more value than the combined minds of his subjects. This would be a humorous situation if it were not so tragic. The dictator has such an over-inflated ego that he actually believes he is the only person who knows how to run the nation. If he can make his subjects believe the same thing, you have a sorry situation indeed!

The international dictator will not only exalt himself above his subjects, but, animated by Satan, will actually consider himself superior to the eternal God. Such men should be segregated from society and placed in institutions provided for maniacs, but the coming international dictator will be a mad-man at large with power to enforce his insane edicts.

In his dictatorship, the state will take the place of God. The dictator is the state. Instead of looking to God for sustenance, housing, clothing and security, the people will be forced to look to the state, i.e., the dictator. Alas, all countries have moved, or are moving in this direction, including our own beloved America.

The term *Beast*, indicates the political character of the Antichrist. In this role, he brings about a confederation of nations. As on the plains of Dura, the world will bow to the image of the monster — as outlined in Revelation 13:15.

#### 7. The International Dictator Will Regiment Populations, Promising Peace and Security.

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"For when they shall say, Peace and safety (security); then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." (I Thess. 5:3)

The Beast will promise peace, but eventually plunge the world into the greatest war in history. "For they are the spirits of devils (demons), working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." (Rev. 16:14) In those wars one-third of the world's population will be killed. "By these . . . was the third part of men killed." (Rev. 9:18)

"Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death (pestilence), and with the beasts of the earth." (Rev. 6:8)

Five hundred millions of souls will be plunged into hell — deceived by the coming Antichrist. Our Lord tells us but for the shortening of the time allotted, there would not remain a living person on the earth. "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved." (Matt. 24:22)

Politicians in Europe and America have broken their promises, but the coming international dictator will be the arch-liar of the universe — the father of lies in human form. His promised peace will turn out to be the bloodiest war in history.

#### 8. The International Dictator Will Be Destroyed by the Coming Christ.

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he (the Holy Spirit) who now letteth (hindereth) will let (hinder), until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked

(lawless one) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (II Thess. 2:7-12)

For many decades, a granite shaft stood on the border of old Russia at Vilna, bearing the following inscription on the western side: "Napoleon Bonaparte passed this point in 1812 with 410,000 men." But on the eastern side of the marker, are these words: "Napoleon Bonaparte passed this point with 9,000 men."

The big little man from France not only "proposed but disposed," but in this instance destiny decreed failure — and he returned home from Russia crushed, defeated, humiliated.

Antichrist will appear all-powerful for a time, but his doom is already sealed in the mind and purpose of God. He will come to a tragic end!

In some prophetic passages, he is called by the royal title, *king*. Being a monarch of undisputed authority, he will gratify his own ambitions for a season, until the indignation be accomplished — Daniel 11:36. A king for a brief hour, then cast aside forever. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18)

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The Christian who is yielded to God will discern trends in the direction of the approaching Antichrist . . . and will avoid having any part in setting the stage for his international political system. The believer will shun and oppose every movement that savors of man-worship, looking toward worship of Satan's international dictator.

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This, the seventh installment, offers sketches of I. G. Martin, F. M. Lehman and Elton M. Roth.

### I. G. MARTIN

I will meet you in the morning,  
Just inside the Eastern Gate;  
Then be ready, faithful pilgrim,  
Lest with you it be too late.  
I will meet you, I will meet you,

Just inside the Eastern Gate over there;  
I will meet you, I will meet you,  
I will meet you in the morning over there.

"The Eastern Gate" was written in 1905. It quickly "caught fire," and has been included in many hundreds of different hymnals. Investigation discloses that it is used more often at funeral services than any other Christian song.

I. G. Martin, the author and composer, is still actively engaged in Christian work, making his home in Pasadena, California. Of scholarly appearance, and with snow-white hair, his erect bearing and kindly countenance readily identify him to the visitor as an "old-fashioned camp-meeting preacher."

He was born in Kirksville, Missouri, April 18, 1863. While still in his teens he became a school-teacher. Dramatic talent and singing ability prompted him to seek a career on the stage. Success was beginning to crown his theatrical endeavors, and he was dreaming great dreams — when suddenly God intervened.

It was in Milwaukee that his life was changed. He attended revival services there, conducted by B. Fay Mills and Peter Bilhorn (composer of "Sweet Peace The Gift Of God's Love"). He made a complete surrender to Christ, and resolved to devote his talents exclusively to Christian work. The Methodist Church licensed him as a "singing

evangelist," and he subsequently traveled from place to place conducting revival services for Epworth League societies.

From then on, his career took varied turns — sometimes he filled pastorates, sometimes he served as an evangelist, sometimes he served as a Gospel singer, but always his love for Christ motivated every action. He found time to write a large number of Christian songs, several of which came into widespread use.

We asked for his comments on present-day Christian singing. "Well, to be frank," he said, "I don't believe the singing we hear today can begin to compare with Christian singing in bygone days. In times past we did not usually have a choir. Today we do not seem to feel our responsibility to sing; we let the choir do it. Too often, the congregational singing and 'specials,' are not 'tied into' the sermon. In fact, it used to be the custom for the evangelist to select the songs which he wanted his song-leader to use, songs which would fit into the theme of the service."

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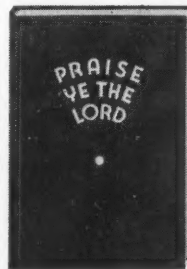
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Christians. Frederick Martin Lehman, its author and composer, is still actively engaged in the production of new songs, at his home in Pasadena, California, where he has resided since 1914. He and Mrs. Lehman recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Nine children have been born, of whom eight survive. There are sixteen grandchildren.

A list of other successful Lehman compositions would include "The Royal Telephone," "The Abiding Place In Jesus," "String Of Empties," "Elbow Room," and "I'll Say 'Amen' To Jesus."

Visiting quite often in the Lehman home, we have found him to possess Christian humility and that rare trait of understatement. He seems not to realize the full extent of his fame nor the far-reaching influence of his songs. He seemed surprised that anyone would be interested in his biography or the stories of his songs. But upon our insistence he provided desired information:

"I was born August 7, 1868 in Germany. Following the Franco-Prussian War, in which my father fought (1871), the family sold their meager possessions, embarked as steerage passengers on the *Germania* and reached New York (1872) after a stormy three-weeks' voyage. We crowded aboard an immigrant train heading westward, and eventually settled in Iowa, building a one-roomed log cabin.

"Here I was introduced to hard work, pulling and piling brush and branches trimmed from trees, which father felled to clear the land for future crops. After the day's work was done, father and mother would sit on the doorsteps of our humble cabin home, and in the gloaming sing song after song which they had learned in their youth from

the Lutheran Hymnbook, each song having from twenty to thirty long-meter stanzas.

"In glorious revival campaigns where Spirit-filled singing always played such an important part, I found myself under conviction for sin. I camped around the mourners' bench and longed for that peace they told me, *passeth all understanding*. One glad morning, while walking up a country lane, suddenly Heaven let a cornucopia of glory descend on my soul. The weight of conviction was gone, and paeans of praise fell from my lips.

"At the age of twenty-three I met, wooed and wed one of the loveliest maidens outside the gates of Eden. Before our marriage she had declared, 'I won't marry a preacher.' Then, four years after our marriage the divine call to the ministry became insistent. The battle with self having been fought, we eventually piled up the farm-tools, held an auction, and entrained for Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois."

"Up until this time I did not know the difference between a noun and a verb. The little country school I had attended, consisted of one room with some eighty scholars, from bib-and-tucker age to young men wearing mustaches."

Following seminary graduation there was a period of severe testing, preaching in poor districts, suffering persecutions innumerable, often going without the necessities of life. After six years' service as a horse-and-buggy circuit rider, Mr. Lehman took up writing along with his preaching, and eventually became editor of a religious periodical.

In 1914 he took up residence in California, and thenceforth devoted most of his time to writing and publishing Christian songs. Within a few years, he sold more than fifty thousand copies of his song-books, and over three hundred thousand loose-leaf copies of songs, besides many manuscripts to Winsett, Stamps-Baxter, Rodeheaver and other publishers.

A few years ago, due to failing

health, he sold his entire collection of compositions to Haldor Lillenas. Since then, he has been in partial retirement, although new songs frequently find origin in his heart.

Most Christians are familiar with Lehman's "Have You Reached This Abiding Place In Jesus?" It was written on a "blue Monday" morning in 1904, when he was Pastor of a church in New London, Indiana. While in his study Mrs. Lehman informed him there was no food in the house for the children's luncheon when they came home from school. Having no money with which to purchase food, the two fell on their knees in prayer. While praying, Mr. Lehman received a glorious blessing, and an assurance that every need would be supplied.

Arising, he penned words and music of "The Abiding Place," then marched off to the village humming the new song. Stopping at the local post office he found a letter waiting for him, containing a five-dollar bill! He hurried to the store, bought groceries, and reached home just in time for his wife to prepare the children's lunch.

"The Royal Telephone" is another Lehman composition which has been widely used. 'Twas written in 1907. Mr. Lehman was visiting on his brother's farm in South Dakota, convalescing from an illness. One day he took a wagonload of oats to the village. On the return trip he received the inspiration for "The Royal Telephone." Having no writing paper, he stopped the team, and with a stub-pencil wrote the words on the rear end-gate of the wagon. Upon arriving home he transferred the song to paper, and it was published soon thereafter.

"No Disappointment In Heaven" is his best-known song. In 1914 he was pastoring a church and also serving as editor of a religious periodical. Sit-



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ting disconsolately at his desk one Monday morning, facing a host of distressing problems, he suddenly realized how wonderful it would be when this life was over and a glorious eternity with Christ had begun. Seizing a pencil, the words and melody were quickly born.

## ELTON ROTH

"In My Heart There Rings A Melody" and "How Can I Help But Love Him" have carried the name of Elton Menno Roth into the homes and hearts of multitudes of Christians throughout the world. He lives in Los Angeles, with his wife and two children. His time is spent in song writing, music teaching, and directing the Ecclesia Choir.

Mr. Roth was born near Fort Wayne, Indiana. As a young man he enrolled in a seminary, planning to become a missionary. During the last year of his theological course he became convinced that Music should occupy a major part of his life. Accordingly, he spent a year traveling as an evangelistic singer and then went to Chicago to study music. Again the evangelistic field called. After a period of time spent in assisting several different evangelists he taught music for a few months in Minneapolis and then moved to Nyack, New York, where he became an instructor for six years.

In 1930 he settled in Los Angeles. He has lived there ever since. For one year he was head of the music department of a Bible Institute in Los Angeles, and then resigned to devote his full time to diversified activities relating to Christian music.

He is justly proud of his Ecclesia Choir, organized in 1930 and which has been functioning successfully ever since. It is composed of twenty-four highly-trained singers, specializing in "a cappella" choral work, particularly the old church classics handed down through many generations. The Choir has made three transcontinental concert tours, appearing in large churches, schools and civic auditoriums. In 1934 he took the group to New York City,

where they presented a nationwide NBC program from Radio City.

"Songs leave deep impressions," Mr. Roth reminisces. "I remember two old songs, 'A Little Talk With Jesus' and 'The Best Friend To Have Is Jesus,' which were sung at a revival meeting one winter in a little village church, the evening I was converted at the age of twelve. It was at a rugged wooden altar bench where seekers touched Heaven, and I found God.

"The earliest recollection I have of creating melodies was in the fields singing with the meadowlarks amid the aroma of new-mown hay.

"Mother naturally had a great influence in my early life. It was customary to hear her singing at her daily toil. Every morning after breakfast we would kneel around the table, each one praying, beginning with father and mother to the youngest in the family.

"My last hour with mother was spent in the old house. We sang together out of two ragged hymnals. She sat in a rocking chair and I sat in front of her in another chair. Between the singing of the lines we looked at each other with tears, not so much of sadness, but of joy. Joy for the glorious transcendent hope we felt. The pendulum on the clock ticked the passing moments into eternity. This was the last hour on earth with mother. She left for the Better Land, and it seems like yesterday. Perhaps before long we shall join in singing a newer song."

One summer, Mr. Roth was engaged in revival meetings in Texas. While walking during a sultry afternoon he became oppressed by the heat, and stepped into the open door of an old church to rest. Finding no one there, he walked up and down the aisle, conscious of the sacred presence of the Holy Spirit. Suddenly he found himself singing "In my heart there rings a melody." He hurried into the open door of the

Pastor's study, found a piece of paper, and quickly wrote words and music of the now well-known song, consuming an hour and a half with the task. That evening he introduced it in an open-air meeting, sung first by two hundred boys and girls and then by the entire audience.

"Apart from teaching, choir work, singing in churches, speaking on sacred music," Mr. Roth says, "my life is filled with composing of hymns, choral work, and writing an oratorio on the life of Christ. I cherish the revelation which has come to me, of the value and beauty of sacred music. My ideal has always been to perpetuate to the best of my ability, that which is great and noble and of spiritual value in music. And I maintain that the concept of a song must first be lived and felt before one can give a true interpretation of its meaning."

(The eighth article of this series, in next month's *Defender*, will offer the stories of Ida L. Reed ("I Belong To The King"), Mrs. C. D. Martin ("God Will Take Care Of You"), Merrill Dunlop ("Jesus Is The Sweetest Name") and George Schuler ("Make Me A Blessing").

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# DEFENDERS

## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

### The Story Of A Church

THE March 1941 issue of The Defender contained an article from Dr. Winrod's pen, telling of his personal experiences on the Puerto Rican mission field, during February.

One incident, full of human interest, related to a trip made far into the interior on the last day that he, and his daughter Geraldine, were on the Island. Describing the trip in travelogue vernacular, Dr. Winrod said:

"Pausing in villages, we call small groups together, give missionary messages. Puerto Ricans are always respectful, glad to hear. Covering many miles, we reach a certain place in the interior about 1 p.m. The road ends. We park the car. Native Christians are there with horses. We continue over a narrow, rocky trail three miles on horseback. Food is waiting in an humble hut. After the meal, we climb a steep grade walking another quarter of a mile.

"Huddled on the side of a mountain, is a little Defenders Church, 70 members. The Pastor, a native Christian, raises bananas for a living. The building seating 100, packed to capacity, 200 more listening through the windows and doors. Mr. Springer preaches first. I follow. There are 33 as bright conversions, as I have ever seen in the States."

Several factors combined to make this particular trip a memorable occasion — the location of the Church far back from the beaten paths of tourist travel . . . the natural beauty of the mountains and picturesque surroundings . . . the plight of the people in the adjacent territory . . . the happy hearts, beaming faces and genuine earnestness of the Christian group that greeted the visitors from the States . . . the obvious hand of God and providential care represented by the establishing of a strong Gospel lighthouse in such surroundings.

The Pastor, Rev. Domingo Rodriguez, had been converted under the ministry of Superintendent J. F. Rodriguez, and later trained during three years of intensive study and application in spiritual matters. As indicated in Dr. Winrod's statement, this leader makes his livelihood by working on a banana plantation, thus giving time and energy without remuneration, to the service of the congregation.

Dr. Winrod is now in receipt of a let-

ter from this congregation, which he prizes as a real missionary trophy. It is discovered that one of the group speaks and writes English, although the Pastor understands only Spanish. The communication, drafted in public meeting, translated, written and mailed by the person possessing a knowledge of English, reads as follows:

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To Dr. Gerald B. Winrod  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Dr. Winrod:

We are very glad to inform you that after your visit to us, the Church has changed much, having great interest to all things in adoration and service to the Lord Jesus Christ.

A large number of converted souls have been approved by the congregation for baptism. In all regular services, our Church building is too little, always filled with hearers of the Gospel, being necessary for many to stay outside by open windows and doors to hear, because we can accommodate them no place.

A crusade is organized now to preach the Gospel every night, across the other barrios that are near us. Some Sunday Schools are founded.

All of us hope you are always praying to God for the blessing to be on us in this Country. We are always praying for you and all the churches. It must be of great value to us, if speaking to others you can collect together some funds as a help to us for the enlargement of our Church building.

Hoping to hear from you and waiting for answers to our prayers,

Sincerely yours,

Domingo Rodriguez

### "Work While it is Day"

"I MUST work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4.

Bible-believing Christians, who possess the true missionary vision, realize that world events are shaping themselves in accordance with the prophecies that relate to the end-time of this age.

Realizing that the time is short at best, they are inspired to pray and support missionary endeavor with greater zeal than ever before.

The shadows of earth's darkest night are being cast over the human family! "The night cometh, when no man can work."

An example of this fact exists on the missionary frontiers of Liberia, West Africa. Hearts of Defender Readers, in all parts of the Nation, are chilled when they read press dispatches regarding the military trends taking shape around Dakar. Instantly, their minds flash to Paul Revere and the strong native church he has established, reaching into the jungle areas of Liberia. It seems that Dakar is destined to become a vital missionary objective.

The latest authentic information is that this winter will see the spread of the war to the west coast of the Dark Continent, particularly French West Africa. If this be the case, there remains little doubt but what Paul Revere will be cut off from contacts in the United States.

In anticipation of this development, word reaches Defender Headquarters, that native missionaries there are working frantically — going about their task day and night, winning other natives to Christ, establishing new Gospel centers — feeling that "the night cometh." (The efforts of these heroic black Christians, deserve the prayers of believers in America, now more than ever.)

Thus, if the time comes, when war conditions make it impossible to get financial aid through to Paul Revere, a sufficient number of African Christians will have been won to the Master and organized into Gospel centers, to keep the message going in that part of the world.

Encouraging word reaches Wichita from Krutown. Paul writes: "I am pleased to report that the work here is going forward. Dr. Winrod's dream of establishing a STRONG NATIVE CHURCH is realizing fulfillment. . . . But we are experiencing hard times here, due to general unsettled war conditions. It is our prayer that God may bring peace to the warring nations soon, as all human efforts seem to have been in vain."

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The book is not intended to be a theological or doctrinal treatise, and should not be judged according to such standards. It is rather a study of the human personality, its substance, environment and potentialities.

What is personality? Where is it? From whence did it come? What is it doing? Where is it going? Who are you — the real you? These are matters with which the Author seeks to explain clearly, scientifically, comprehensively.

Does personality mean the physical body? The Author's argument, in this regard, illustrates his general manner of approach and style of writing: "It is evident that you did not originate with your body, nor come into being with it. If you originated and came into being with your body, then you must cease to exist when your body ceases to exist. But Jesus Who understood life better than any and all others . . . did not mean your body that grows old and perishes at death, but the Real You who dwells within the body. . . . You, who dwell now in this body; you who animate and motivate it; you who look out through the eyes, hear through the ears; you who think, feel and know; you are the Real Self."

The human personality in its relation to different factors of life, form interesting and stimulating discussions — each divided into chapters. Some of the titles are as follows: "You and Your Body," "You and Your Mind," "You and Your God," "You and Your

Faith," "You and Others," "You and Your Work," "You and Your Possessions," "You and Your Standards of Living," etc.

Since Dr. Sumner maintains that as the cause of disease may often originate in thoughts and emotions, as well as the body, he gives attention to the matter of right thinking and feeling. He says: "Many people have made such progress in their understanding and in their way of thinking and living, that they are rapidly becoming their own physicians."

**THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH.** By Rev. Wesley G. Edwards. Published by Prophetic Book Concern. Pages 46. Price 35c.

THE complete title of this brochure is as follows: "The Rapture of the Church — Pre or Post Tribulation?" Although dealing with recognized controversial matters, the treatise makes consistent demands for a hearing on the part of painstaking students of the Word.

One need not follow Mr. Edwards all the way, in order to derive benefit from the teaching. Many will feel that he builds a strong case, speaking as he does for the school of thought that believes the Church will go into the Tribulation period.

In a statement prepared especially for The Defender, he suggests that readers be like the Bereans, who, after hearing Paul on a controversial theme, "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

It is pointed out that a large section of Bible students believe the "Day of the Lord" begins with the Rapture of the Church, the Great Tribulation following this event. The final period of end-time suffering thus comes within the framework of the Day of the Lord. The Author submits three reasons why he rejects this interpretation.

In the following language, he outlines briefly his arguments:

First Thessalonians, chapters four and five, indicate that the "Day of the Lord" begins with the Rapture of the Church. In chapter two, of the Second Epistle, Paul admonishes the Thessalonians that the Day of the Lord (see Scofield's note) will not come until the Antichrist has first been revealed. Also, the Apostle explains that our gathering together unto him is the beginning of the Day of the Lord.

The second point of argument deals with a statement in Joel 2:31, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before the great and the terrible Day of the Lord come." Examine also Joel 3:14,15, where the Day of the Lord is known to be at hand, by the gathering of the armies into the valley of Jehoshaphat, after the great celestial signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars.

The third argument is taken from the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:29. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven."

Summing it up: The celestial signs separate the Tribulation from the Day of the Lord, thus making it impossible for the Tribulation to be any part of the Day of the Lord. Since the Day of the Lord begins with the Rapture, and the Tribulation comes after the Day of the Lord, it will be necessary to go through the Tribulation before we get to the Day of the Lord, or the Rapture.

Unquestionably, this will be a shocking line of thought to many. A further study of the book reveals opportunity of securing a martyr's crown, as sought by the early Church. As Israel was in Egypt during the plagues, yet not suffering from them, so the Church will be here suffering persecution, but never the plagues.

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**THE END DRAWETH NIGH!** By Rev. Wesley G. Edwards. Published by Prophetic Book Concern. Pages 58. Price 35c.

**P**OSTULATING the fact that honest differences of opinion exist among competent Bible students where the greater fundamentals are in no way involved, this brochure becomes excellent collateral reading on important prophetic themes.

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On page 18, we find these deductions: "One of the most startling developments of recent times, is the fall of France and its gradual turning from a friend to a foe of Britain. The French and Latins are of the same blood and hence it is natural that they should flow together with ease. While Germany brought France to her knees, it was Italy that struck the decisive moral blow. . . .

"The Rome-Berlin axis will break. Germany will turn to Russia, either by conquest or by treaty and union. Italy will find it possible to settle the quarrel with England who will, in turn, join the alliance of the Roman Empire."

The words concerning Germany and Russia were penned before the present war started, which indicates that the Author relies upon prophetic interpretation in analyzing military and political trends. This is a treatise to be given special study rather than a superficial reading.

**THE WAY OF THE AGGRESSOR.** By John Michael. Published by Flanders Hall Publishers. Pages 80. Price 50c.

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**FROM BATTLESHIP TO PULPIT.** By Rev. Wesley G. Edwards. Published by Prophetic Book Concern. Pages 44. Price 35c.

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A few weeks later, he enlisted in

the Marine Corps at Kansas City, Mo., and was sent to California. He found, however, that his early training could not be put aside lightly, and before a great while found himself actually looking for someone with religion enough to "shout" about! Within five months after his enlistment, he was converted one night at the Salvation Army hall in Vallejo, California. The ensuing twelve months held many contrasting experiences for him.

The Author was given a special discharge order by the Commanding General of the United States Marines, in recognition of a desire to prepare for the Christian ministry. Ten years have elapsed since that time — ten years that have been made to count, for much in the field of American evangelism. He has traveled throughout every State of the Union, holding revival meetings, lecturing on Bible prophecy, giving his testimony, broadcasting the Gospel, and writing books.

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October 19

## The Holy Spirit Our Helper

John 3:5-8; Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:26-28;  
Gal. 5:22-26

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Romans 8:14.

The new birth is an absolute necessity. Reformation, prayer, Bible study, baptism and church membership are important by-products, but none of them take the place of regeneration. If a man is not born again, he cannot "enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5.

Man, by nature, is an alien from God. Nicodemus was a man of good attributes — moral, religious, sincere. But Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." Flesh may be cleaned up and adorned with garments of self-righteousness, but it still remains flesh. The inner man must be transformed in mind, heart and will.

Acts 1:8. Note two factors in this passage: (1) *By the coming* of the Holy Spirit, they were to receive power, and (2) *after the coming* of the Holy Spirit, they were to be witnesses. It was for the task of witnessing that Holy Ghost equipment was needed.

When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, their testimonies poured forth spontaneously. (Acts 4:31) They could not be silenced regarding the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. They proclaimed His salvation with holy boldness. All believers may thus be filled with the Spirit. Though every Christian, of course, is not called upon to declare the Word publicly, yet he is to have a definite part in bearing witness.

Romans 8:9 clearly indicates that every true child of God is indwelt by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit pervades the life of the believer at the very moment of conversion. As Christians, we have been *sealed* (Eph. 1:13), *anointed* (I John 2:20-27), and *baptized* into the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:13).

The Holy Spirit helps us to pray. There is a tendency, on the part of

many Christians, to pray without proper regard to their advisability. Some of the things asked for might actually do harm. Paul unlocked the secret of prayer when he said, "I will pray with the Spirit." The Spirit frames prayer within us, with thoughts having meanings too deep for mere man to put into words. "We know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us."

The Spirit inspires supplication which cannot be expressed, yet God, knowing the mind of the Spirit, understands the prayers that are unuttered. Hence, the Holy Spirit makes communion possible between us and the Father. "Because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:27.

October 26

## Civic Responsibility Regarding Beverage Alcohol

Deut. 5:32,33; 11:26-28; Isa. 28:1-6;  
Hab. 2:12

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34.

Deuteronomy 5:32,33; 11:26-28. These commands indicate the moral purpose of God regarding a nation. The Israelites were to be a people worthy of His name. Their social life was to be free from lawlessness, immorality, irreverence and evil behaviour. This could only be achieved by observing standards which "the Lord your God hath commanded."

The Israelitish nation had before it the alternative of being blessed or cursed. (Deut. 11:26). Terrible penalties would be suffered if God's laws were violated. The nation's whole future then was to be determined by the extent of her obedience. This is always the case. What is true of a nation, is true of individuals. Submission to moral laws is God's first demand. Yielding to His will is the highest ex-

pression of our love to Him, which, in reality, is the law of life. (John 14:21,23). Each one of us face such a choice daily, hourly.

The phrase, "to the right hand or to the left," implies rectitude in walking the straight and narrow path, as a highway on which man would not think of turning aside (Deut. 2:27; 17:11,20; 28:14; Josh. 1:7; Prov. 4:27; Isa. 30:21). It would seem that a left turn from God's Word, would be to violate His moral laws; whereas a right turn would be to adopt a system of life more rigid, more after the pattern of some cult, or humanly conceived idea of holiness, than the Word of God commands.

Isaiah 28:1-6. This is example of divine judgment visited upon nations that allow their people to become drunkards. The "crown of pride" in verse one refers to Samaria (I Kings 16:24). It is likened to a "chaplet of flowers" on a drunkard's brow. Drunkenness had become a national sin (Isa. 5:11, 12; Hos. 7:5; Amos 2:6,8,12; 4:1; 6:6). They were "smitten down" with drink. Their "chaplet of pride" and "glorious beauty" was but a "faded flower."

Many people seemingly do not realize what habitual use of alcoholic liquor really means. They see men and women a little tipsy at times and think it humorous. They do not realize the truth of Solomon's words: "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

Those who vote for and favor legalized liquor, vote a scourge of serpents and adders upon the people.

In contrast to stern judgment pronounced in preceding verses, Isaiah is given a vision of the "day of the Lord." In the midst of sin and apostasy of his time, he looks forward to the reign of

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Christ in righteousness, holiness and peace. So, in the midst of sin today and its terrible consequences, we look forward to our Lord's return to earth a second time (Titus 2:13; II Peter 3:12-14, R.V.). In that day "a crown of glory" will take the place of a "crown of pride."

November 2

### Sin And Its Consequences

Gal. 6:7,8; I John 1:5-2:6

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9.

"The wages of sin is death." This is not true because it is in the Bible. It is in the Bible, because it is true.

The breaking of moral law brings penalty, and that penalty is always death. This is true in the book of Nature. It is true in the book of Nations. Where is mighty Spain and Egypt today? Sin is not disease, misfortune or weakness to overcome. It stems from perversion of free moral agency, inherent in every human.

In its strictest meaning, sin is moral offense against God. Sins is *not* the plural of sin. There is only one parent sin, namely, saying "I will" — in opposition to Divine Will. All other "sins" are its natural by-products. The evil of sin consists in displeasing God. The wickedness of man grieves Him, and calls out for judgment and punishment at His hands.

Six facts about sin should receive our consideration: (1) Sin earns wages. There is a law of compensation in sin. Something is due and owing to the man who has sinned.

(2) Sin pays wages. Sin is never bankrupt. It has a full purse, a heavy bank account, and pays what is due.

(3) Sin insists on accumulating wages. A man may decline to receive what he has earned. But there is always another side to be considered. Sin insists on paying every account. Its

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(4) Sin pays wages *in kind*. Sin insists on adhering to the principle, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

(5) Sin pays *in installments*. The payments begin at once. The results continue, with grimly patient faithfulness, at regular intervals through the years. The human eye, blurred by its own sin, is not always able to see the results.

(6) Sin pays *in full*. There is no settlement by agreement of fifty cents on the dollar. But dollar for dollar, with full measure of weight, is paid. Man is apt to grow generous and wish to terminate the contract, but sin does not operate in this manner.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." This is both a natural and spiritual law. You can neither fool God nor nature. The one who tries to do so, is the fool! The law is that we can expect to reap more than we sow. If we sow to the wind, we will reap to the whirlwind. If we sow what seems to be just a little folly, we will reap great sorrow.

Many parents are sowing to the flesh. They want their children to be popular. They push them ahead in worldly things, and give little thought to their spiritual welfare. These parents will soon reap, in blood and tears, what they have sown.

The logical result of sin: Death! Not physical death but spiritual death — separation from God. Sin is death begun; death is sin finished. Sin is the seed; death is the fruit. Those who reject God are following the path of death. But the Gift of God is eternal life for those who will accept it.

November 9

### Repentance And Faith

Luke 15:11-24

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15.

It is not popular to preach repentance these days. This is perhaps true for the same reason the colored preacher never preached against stealing chick-

ens... "because it always appeared to throw such a coldness over the meetin' and make so many members freeze towards me."

John the Baptist preached the Gospel of "repent ye," and did not exclude the religious leaders of his day in the message. No wonder he stirred up a hornet's nest.

Repentance is not being sorry for mistakes. Every normal man is sorry when he has done wrong. Repentance is not promising to do better. Many do that every day, without result. Penal institutions are crowded with people who are sorry. Sorry for their sin? No! Sorry they broke the law? No! Sorry they got caught.

Repentance is "a change of mind" or a change in the attitude of will. "The mind of the flesh is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither, indeed, can it be; and they that are in the flesh cannot please God." In the process of repentance, the soul changes its attitude. It no longer refuses the yoke of God's will, but yields or is willing to yield to it.

Repentance is an act of the will. It is the other side of faith. They are two sides of the same coin; two aspects of the same act. We must be willing to turn from sin and our own righteousness — that is *repentance*; we must be willing to be saved by God, in His

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own way, and must come to Him for that purpose — that is *faith*. It is necessary to turn from that which is opposed to God, from that state of mind which loves, enjoys, chooses sin; which is permeated and dominated by sin, and which brings about the inevitable consequence of living in the practice of sin.

The prodigal son furnishes example of true repentance, Luke 15:11-24. The boy's request was motivated by the desire to have his own way, to be independent of his father. This is the very essence of sin: the desire to have our own way, to be independent of our Heavenly Father. "We have turned every one to his own way" (Isa. 53:6). Our way may be refined, cultured and moral, or it may be depraved and vicious; but the desire to live our own life, is the very core of sin.

The boy did not go away at once, though his heart was already in "the far country." So the man, who has begun to wander in heart, continues at first some outward semblance of communion with God. But "not many days after," he is gone.

The "far country" is the land away from God, the world of sin and unbelief. The first thing the boy found in the far country was "riotous living." Amusement is the first fruit of sin.

Some declare there is no pleasure in sin. The Bible does not support this view. Hebrews 11:25 refers to "the pleasures of sin." But the Scriptures make plain the fact, "there is no peace to the wicked." In other words, worldly pleasures are "for a season," very short lived, and come at high price. The devil is not such a fool as to go fishing without bait. Pleasures of sin are his bait and they always have a hook in them.

In his want, the prodigal should have returned to his father at once, but a man will not return to God until he has tried everything else. Here is a young man who might have been a son in his father's house. But instead, his service is that of a swineherd for a stranger, a degrading, underpaid toil. That is the choice everyone makes who wanders from God. He becomes a swineherd for Satan (see Deut. 28:47-48).

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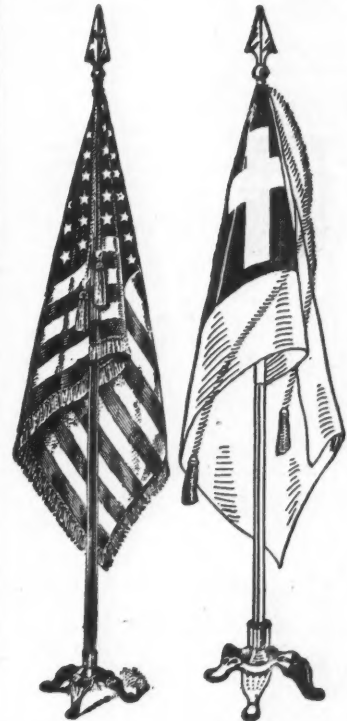
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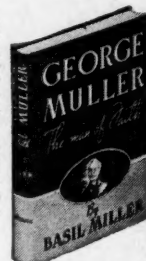
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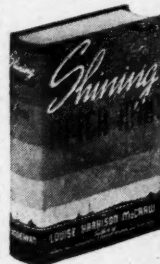
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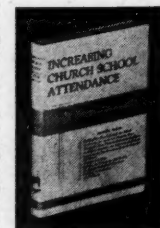
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